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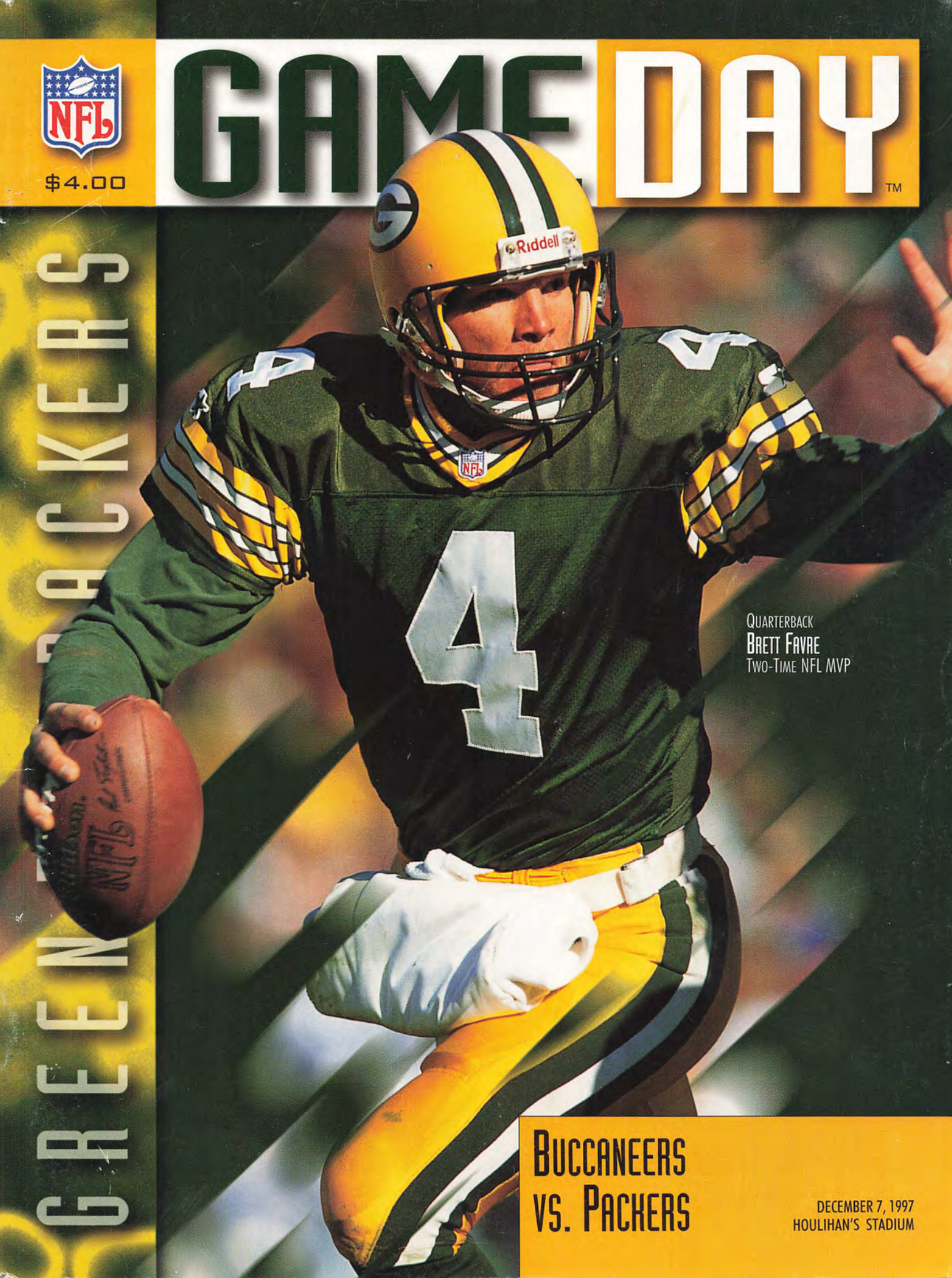

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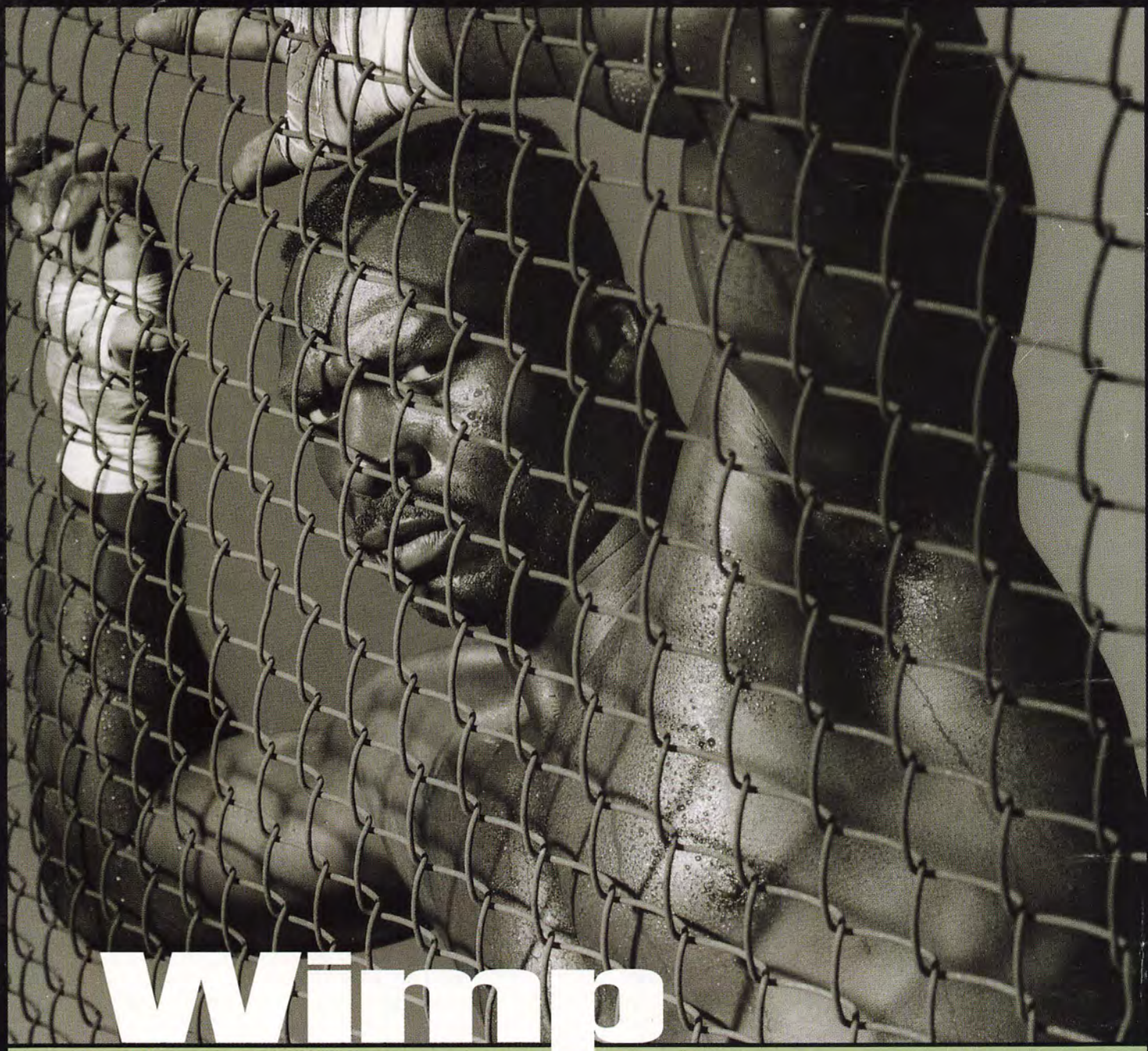

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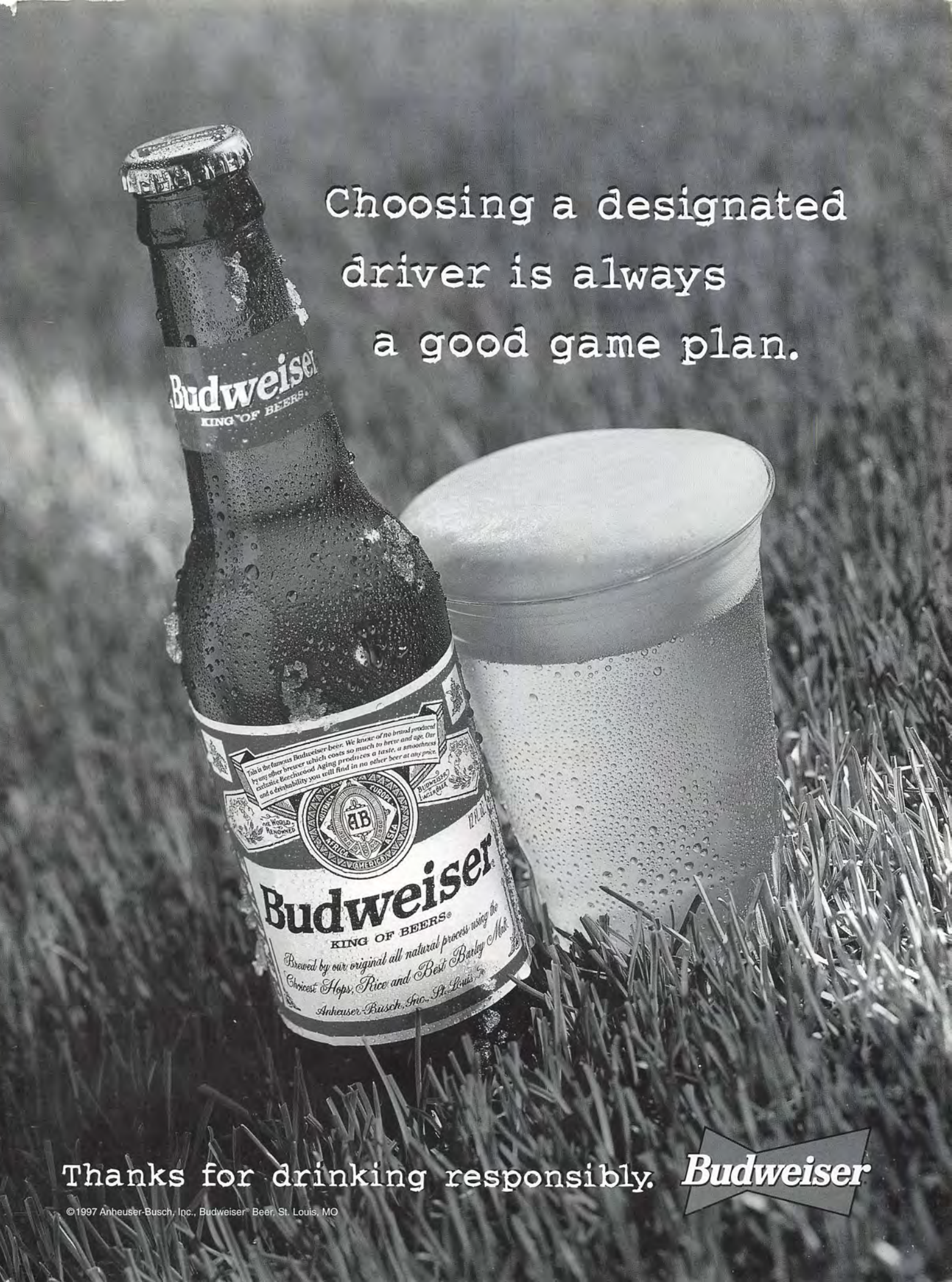
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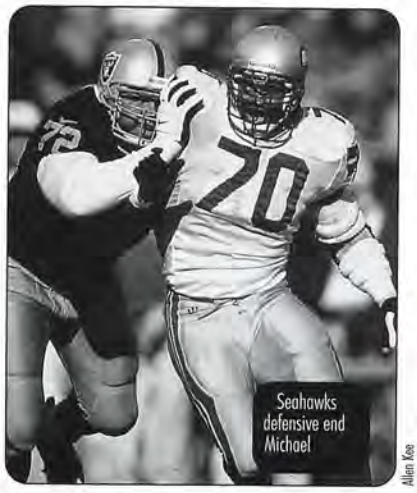

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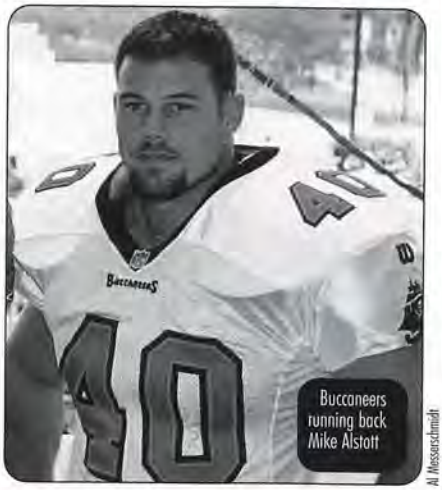

Buccaneers running back Mike Alstott

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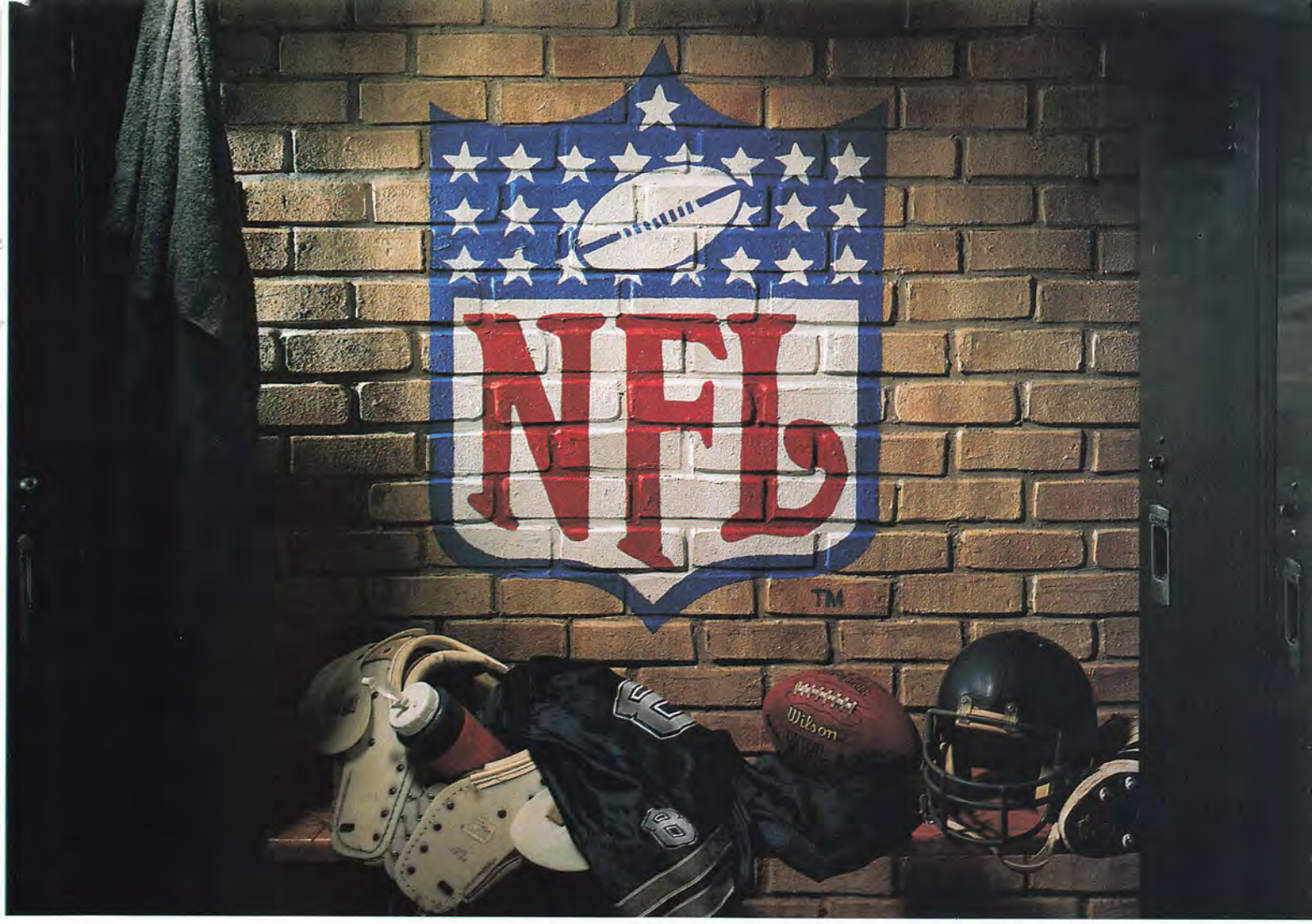

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NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGER

— BEBE WINANS

Legendary R&B artist BeBe Winans will perform today's rendition of the National Anthem.

Over the years, Winans has enjoyed many successes and produced hit songs with his younger sister, CeCe, before recently deciding to venture off on his own as a solo recording artist. "CeCe and I have had a wonderful journey together," said BeBe, "but solo projects are something we've each wanted to do since an early age."

The multiple Grammy Award-winning Winans released his first album with CeCe in 1897, and the track gave rise to the R&B hits "I.O.U. Me" and "For Always." Winans received his first Grammy in the Best Soul Gospel Performance category for his contribution to the "Abundant Life" track on the Family and Friends Choir album. Since then, he has produced numerous top-10 songs and won several additional Grammy Awards, including 1993 Album of the Year Grammy Award honors for his production of Whitney Houston's "Jesus Loves Me" track on The Bodyguard soundtrack.

His most recent album, "BeBe Winans," serves as a testimonial to his life and contains several inspirational songs about life's many hurdles. "Vocally, I pushed myself like I've never done before," he said of his work on the solo album.

Please welcome Winans this afternoon as he fills the stadium with the popular sounds of his melodic voice.

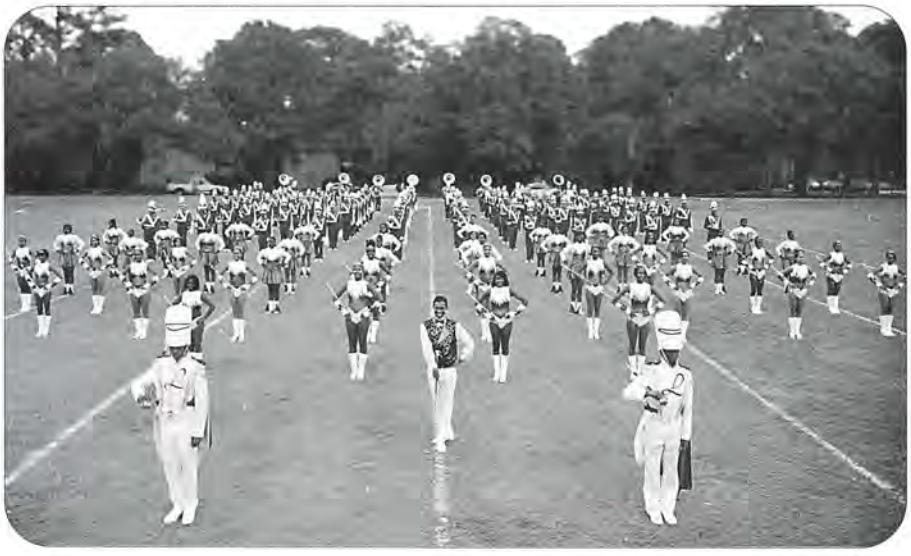
PRE-GAME PERFORMANCE

— SIDNEY LANIER HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Montgomery, Alabama's Sidney Lanier High School Marching Poets, also known as "The Pride of Montgomery," join the Houlihan's stadium crowd today for the pre-game festivities. Considered by many to be one of the most talented high school bands in the state of Alabama, the group boasts 206 youths, including two drum majors, one twirler, 20 majorettes, 24 percussionists, 122 wind players, a 26-member flag corps and 11 band staff members.

The Marching Poets traditionally perform for Sidney Lanier football games, pep rallies and parades, and have been selected to entertain at the Red Ribbon (Say No To Drugs) Kickoff Campaign Rally for three consecutive years. The band has also performed at the 1996 Battle of the Bands in Memphis, Tennessee and the 1997 Mobile Area Battle of the Bands in Pritchard, Alabama. The Poets earned superior ratings at the 1997 Woodlawn Invitational Band Contest and the Frances Marion Percussion Contest, and have been selected to appear for the third straight year at the Turkey Day Classic football game in Montgomery, Alabama.

Please give these talented musicians a warm Florida welcome as they march into Houlihan's Stadium this afternoon.



HALFTIME SHOW

— HERSHEY KICKOFF

After today's halftime performance, one lucky Tampa Bay Buccaneer fan could leave Houlihan's Stadium with a great deal of money. In conjunction with Hershey, the Buccaneers have invited the winner of the Hershey Kickoff Contest onto the field this afternoon to attempt a goal. If the fan splits the uprights, he/she will return to the stands $10,000 richer.

Before the contestant takes the field, however, five teens who are involved with Buccaneer LB Hardy Nickerson's Foundation from the Ybor City Boys & Girls Clubs, will attempt field goals as well. Hershey previously donated $500 to the foundation, and today welcomes the youths to participate in the kickoff contest. Each teen will receive Buccaneer merchandise for his/her efforts.

Please join contest emcee, FOX 13 sports anchor Chip Carter, as he cheers these kickers to success.

COLOR GUARD

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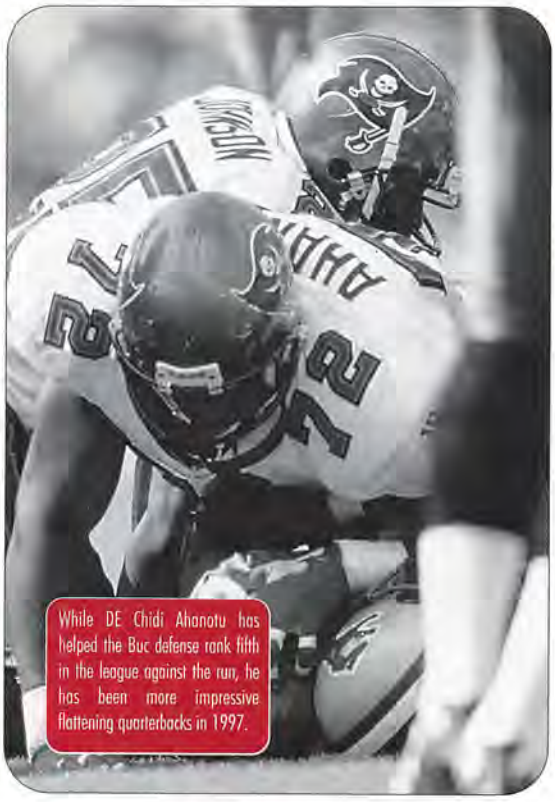
While DE Chidi Ahanotu has helped the Buc defense rank fifth in the league against the run, he has been more impressive flattening quarterbacks in 1997.

In a season of pleasant rediscoveries for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and their fans, today brings yet another: a December game of consequence. This afternoon's Battle of the Bays finally deserves such a grandiose nickname, as the Bucs and Green Bay Packers are set to square off in one of the weekend's most significant games. At stake is the Bucs' first playoff berth in 15 years, the NFC Central Division lead and even a chance to fight for homefield advantage in the playoffs.

"I've resisted the 'big game' tag all year," said Buccaneer Head Coach Tony Dungy, "but I have said that once you need just one win to get in (the playoffs), then it's a big game. We also still have a chance to win the division, which was our goal at the beginning of the season. We've done a good job against teams not in the Central, but division games often have added importance and we've missed some opportunities along those lines this season."

Among those missed opportunities was a December 5 matchup with the Packers in Green Bay in which the Buccaneers overcame a disastrous first half to narrowly miss an upset, losing 21-16. Though the final outcome was unfulfulling, the Bucs did set a blueprint for the type of game they feel they need to play to compete with the Packers. Tampa Bay ran for 217 yards and held the Packers to 64 on the ground while holding onto the ball for over 34 minutes. Green Bay, however, has enjoyed a significant surge in its rushing attack during the last month thanks to the prolific running of Dorsey Levens. "We've got to stop their running game, "said Dungy," and Dorsey Levens has been outstanding the last couple of weeks. If we can hold the run incheck, I think we can get some pressure on (QB) Brett Favre."

Levens, in fact, has tied a team record by posting three straight 100-yard rushing games and, with 1,237 yards on the season, is within reach of the Packers' single-season rushing record (1,474 by Jim Taylor in 1962). His shot at that standard will increase if Green Bay continues a commitment to the ground game that has seen them call 87 running plays in the last two games.

In October, the Bucs stifled Green Bay's ground game, as well as a long-time Packer staple, the screen pass, thanks largely to the inspired efforts of third-year LB Derrick Brooks. Brooks, a strong Pro Bowl candidate, recorded 18 tackles in the game and was generally a menace from sideline to sideline. His 144 tackles so far this season are a career high and second on the team to MLB Hardy Nickerson's 163. For his part, Nickerson has produced seven straight double-digit tackle games, a major factor in the Bucs' rise to fifth in the league rankings in both total defense and rushing defense.

Despite Nickerson and Brooks' ballooning tackle totals, though, the mantle of hardest hitter on the team may have to go to strong safety John Lynch, a punishing run-stopper who is third on the squad with 124 stops, many of them with audio repercussions you could hear in the last row. "It's common for the strong safety to be an important part of a team's run defense," said Dungy, "but uncommon to have one that does it as well as John. He really zeroes in on the ballcarrier quickly and can usually make the tackle on his own. Of course, he's the same type of threat to receivers who catch the ball in his area, because he closes very well."

Against the Packers, a safety is challenged as much or more by the passing game, however, as QB Brett Favre remains the game's most productive passer. Though his passer rating of 89.7 is almost identical to Buccaneer QB Trent Dilfer's 89.3, Favre is the league leader with 28 touchdown passes, a category he's made 138 marks in over the last four years. If he can find the end zone twice today, Favre will become the first player in NFL history to record 30 or more TD passes in four consecutive seasons. He tossed two scoring passes against the Buccaneers in October but was also held to a season-low 170 net yards and was sacked a season-high (tied) three times.

Thus, the onus may be on the Buccaneers' swarming front four to apply similar pressure on Favre today. Tampa Bay's defense needs only two sacks to break the team's single-season record in that category (42, 1983) and features three of the NFC's top 13 sack-masters. Those three are the DT duo of Warren Sapp and Brad Culpepper, with 8.5 sacks each, and DE Chidi Ahanotu, the first player to reach double digits in sacks in a season for Tampa Bay since Santana Dotson had 10 in 1992.

The Packers' pass rush is led by a man with solid credentials in the area, DE Reggie White, the NFL's all-time leading sacker. White has nine sacks this season, but the larger (in many ways) question mark on Green Bay's defensive line is 345-pound DT Gilbert Brown, perhaps the league's finest run-stopper when he is healthy. Unfortunately for the Packers, that has not been often in 1997; in fact, Brown missed the first Bucs-Packers contest due to a lingering ankle injury that has given him varying trouble this year. "I'm sure that (Brown's absence) was a factor in our ability to run so well against them last time," said Dungy. "But we've run against some very good rush defenses this year and had success, like we did last week."

The Giants ranked fourth against the run entering the Bucs game in New York last Sunday, but Tampa Bay pounded out 147 rushing yards. The Packers rank 25th. Green Bay does have the NFL's 12th-best pass defense, led by top-notch playmaker SS LeRoy Butler, who has five interceptions.

Butler and his backfield mates will look to up their total of 17 interceptions against Dilfer, whose three interceptions last Sunday marked only the second time all season he has been picked off more than once in a game. In fact, until the first of those interceptions occurred last Sunday on a fine pass that went through the receivers' hands, Dilfer had thrown a team-record 152 consecutive passes without an interception. That and his team-record-tying 20 touchdown passes have him on pace to record the finest QB season, in terms of passer rating, in Buccaneer history.

"Trent has played smartly and efficiently all season," said Dungy. "His maturity and grasp of the offense has been a big factor in our ability to put more points on the board this year. It has been said that Trent is surrounded by a lot more offensive weapons this year, which is true, but he's proven all year that he can get the ball in the hands of those people when we need him to."

And the Buccaneers have proven that they belong in the elite NFL class of strong playoff contenders. They can officially enter that post-season field with a victory today, but the potential stakes of this game exceed even that. Indeed, it is a great day to be in Houlihan's Stadium. •

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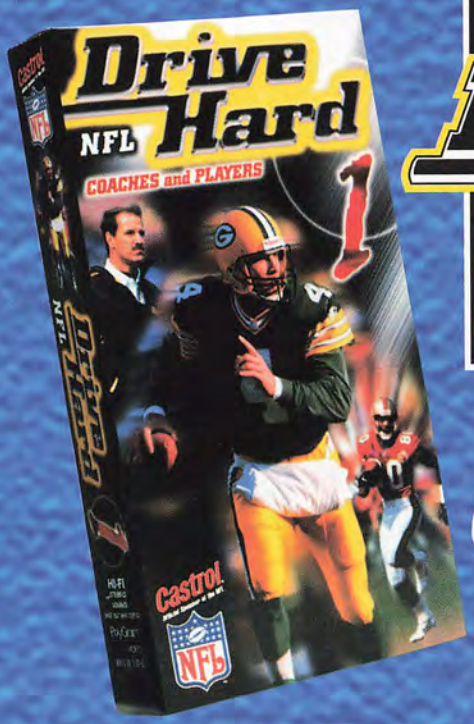

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BUCS VS. PACKERS - A CLOSER LOOK

BUCCANEERS-PACKERS SERIES

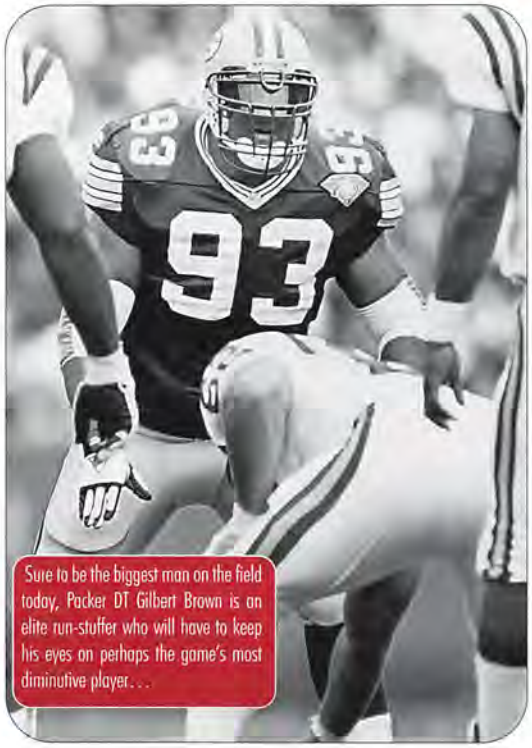
The Packers' recent rise into the NFL' s elite has been reflected in the all-time Battle of the Bay series, which was dead even at 11-11-1 before Green Bays captured 12 of the last 14. The Bucs only victory over Green Bay in the last four seasons was a 13-10 OT edging in Houlihan's Stadium on 12/10/95. A spirited Buccaneer comeback in the second half fell just short in a 21-16 Packer win on 10/5/97 as Tampa Bay failed to overcome the Lambeau Field advantage. The Buccaneers managed to outgain Green Bay in total yards 372-234 as rookie RB Warrick Dunn rushed for 125 yards and a touchdown on two carries, but the game hinged on several big plays by the Pack in the second quarter. Most damaging was DE Gabe Wilkins' interception of an intended screen pass , which he took 77 yards for a TD, hurdling QB Trent Dilfer in the process.

THE SCENARIO

Tampa Bay won its ninth game of the season last Sunday with a 20-8 downing of the Giants, ensuring the first winning season for the franchise since 1982. The Bucs went 5-4 in that abbreviated season and made the post-season tournament. The only other over-.500 seasons in team annals are 1981 (9-7) and 1979 (10-6).

It almost goes without saying, however, that this squad has its sights set higher than a mere winning season. The Bucs are now very solidly in the playoff picture and will spend the last three weeks chasing four escalating goals, as discussed below. As the standings currently fall out, the Buccaneers would be the first Wild Card team if the season ended before today's games. The Bucs' 9-4 record tops Minnnesota at 8-5 and Detroit at 7-6. Under that scenario, Tampa Bay would host Minnesota during Wild Card weekend (12/27-28).

Since only six teams in the NFC can reach 10 wins, the Bucs need only one more victory to be assured of a playoff spot. In addition, a single loss by Philadelphia and Washington and a loss or tie by Dallas and Carolina would put the Buccaneers into the post-season mix. The Bucs enter today's game with a chance to tie the Packers for the NFC Central lead...if Tampa Bay wins the Central, they will join San Francisco with first-round byes. The most ambitious scenario involves homefield advantage throughout the playoffs, a possibility that still exists. For that privilege, Tampa Bay must win the division over Green Bay (which would require a better record than the Packers since Green Bay owns the tiebreaker advantage) AND equal or surpass the 49ers' record. San Francisco' s 11-2 mark is two games ahead of Tampa Bay, but the Buccaneers would prevail in a tie thanks to their 13-6 win over the 49ers on 8/31.



Sure to be the biggest man on the field today, Packer DT Gilbert Brown is an elite run-stuffer who will have to keep his eyes on perhaps the game's most diminutive player...

SACKING THE COMPETITION

After spending a good part of his five-year NFL career playing solid football in the shadows of some of his standout teammates, Buccaneers DE Chidi Ahanotu has recently broken into the spotlight and is on his way toward earning a spot among team record holders. Ahanotu currently leads the Buccaneers in sacks with 10 and has played a key role in establishing one of the most dominant defensive line units in the league.

After his two-sack performance last week during the Bucs' road victory over the New York Giants, Ahanotu leapt into sixth place on the NFC sack leaders list. His 10 sacks place him in elite company within the Buccaneer organization as well, as only three other players in franchise history have achieved double-digit sack numbers in a single season. NFL Hall of Fame DE Lee Roy Selmon posted 13 sacks in 1977 and knocked down QBs eleven times in 1978, 1979, and 1983; LB Broderick Thomas earned 11 sacks in 1991; and DT/DE Santana Dotson posted 10 in 1992.

During the Bucs' games against New England (11/16) and Chicago (11/23), Ahanotu suffered a drought that kept him from getting his hands on a QB. Perhaps this brief "slump" had Ahanotu itching for a sack, because he earned two at Giants QB Danny Kanell's expense. Ahanotu came alive during the third quarter, dropping Kanell twice for 14 yards during one series.

With his two sacks against the Giants, Ahanotu came within one takedown of matching his career total of 11 that he brought into the 1997 season. He has now recorded a sack in seven games this year, and has notched two sacks in three of those contests (Arizona 9/28, Green Bay 10/5, New York Giants 11/30). Additionally, Ahanotu has racked up 51 tackles (second-best among defensive linemen), batted down two passes and recovered two fumbles.

If Ahanotu can record three more takedowns during the Bucs' three remaining regular-season games, he will tie Selmon for first place on the team' s all-time single-season sack list.

THIRD DOWN'S A CHARM

QB Trent Dilfer's amazing productivity on third down includes 11 touchdown passes versus just three interceptions. That in turn has helped the Bucs rank sixth in the league in offensive third-down efficiency (41.6). Meanwhile, the Buccaneer defense has allowed only 33.0% of third-down situations to be converted, the second-best mark in the NFL.

Tampa Bay and Denver are the only two teams in the NFL that rank in the top 10 in third down efficiency both offensively and defensively. The Broncos' defense is number one in the league while its offense ranks ninth. Judged by that measure, the Buccaneers are the best third-down team in the league.

Against the Giants last Sunday, the Bucs' four-of-10 performance offensively on third down was right in line with their season-long 41.6% conversion rate. The defense was extraordinarily good, however, stopping the Giants on all but one of 13 third-down tries for a dismal 7.7% success rate.

That performance broke one of the oldest records in franchise annals. Tampa Bay held Buffalo to one conversion in 12 third downs on 9/26/76, in the third game in Buc history; there had not been a better third-down outing by a Buc defense until last Sunday.

THE 'TRUTH' ABOUT SPECIAL TEAMS

On a wet afternoon in which the Buccaneer offense was victimized by more than its share of bad breaks, the team's specialty units once again stepped forward against the Giants to contribute heavily to the victory.

BUCS VS. PACKERS - A CLOSER LOOK

At New York, as was the case in victories over the Arizona Cardinals (19-18) and Indianapolis Colts (31-28), the Bucs' special teams helped Tampa Bay win the ever important field position battle. Paced by yet another outstanding outing by return man Karl Williams, the Bucs netted 87 punt return yards while shutting out the Giants, allowing no yards on just one bringback attempt. Tampa Bay won the edge on kickoffs as well, gaining 92 yards on three returns to the Giants' 72 yards on five returns. In all, Tampa Bay's return units combined for 179 total yards, dwarfing the Giants' total of 72.

Williams, the NFC' s Special Teams Player of the Week (#10) earlier this month, reeled off returns of 17, 10, 21 and 39 yards. The latter came in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter and helped seal the Buc victory. The performance actually capped off one of the finest five game stretches for a Buccaneer punt returner in team history. Beginning with an outstanding outing at Indianapolis (11/2) in which he returned three punts for 99 yards, including a season-best 63-yarder, Williams finished the five-game stretch with 257 yards on 12 punt returns for a whopping 21.4 average. During that stretch, he made the most of nearly every opportunity, posting an amazing eight returns of 20 or more yards, including three of 30 or more. Thanks in large part to his most recent strong showing, Williams' punt return average mushroomed from 11.0 to 12.2, vaulting him from sixth to third in the conference and sixth overall in the league.

WELL DUNN

Last week in New York, the Bucs' offense returned to the early-season form that saw rookie tailback Warrick Dunn regularly providing a big part of the lineup. In a Giants game repeatedly described as 'smash-mouth', the Bucs' 5-8, 178-pound halfback led all players with 120 rushing yards on 24 carries and added two receptions for 49 yards.

That combined total of 169 yards marked a season-best for the rookie, although it was not a one-of-a-kind achievement. Dunn has already gone over 100 total yards in six of his 13 NFL games. Such all-around efforts have kept Dunn among conference leaders in total yards from scrimmage despite a shared load in the running game. Dunn's 1,151 combined rushing and receiving yards are seventh-most in the NFC and far and away the highest total among NFL rookies. Cincinnati RB Corey Dillon is Dunn' s nearest trailer, with 903 combined yards, but no other NFC rookie even ranks in the top 20 with Dunn. The former Florida State phenomenon, who won NFC Offensive Rookie of the Month honors in his first month in the league, appears to have the inside track at winning that honor for the entire season.

Meanwhile, Dunn' s outburst in New York allowed him to surpass the Buc rookie record for total yards from scrimmage, breaking a mark that was only three years old. RB Errict Rhett set the previous mark of 1,130 (1,011 rushing, 119 receiving) in his rookie year of 1994.

WINNING IS "D"-LIGHTFUL

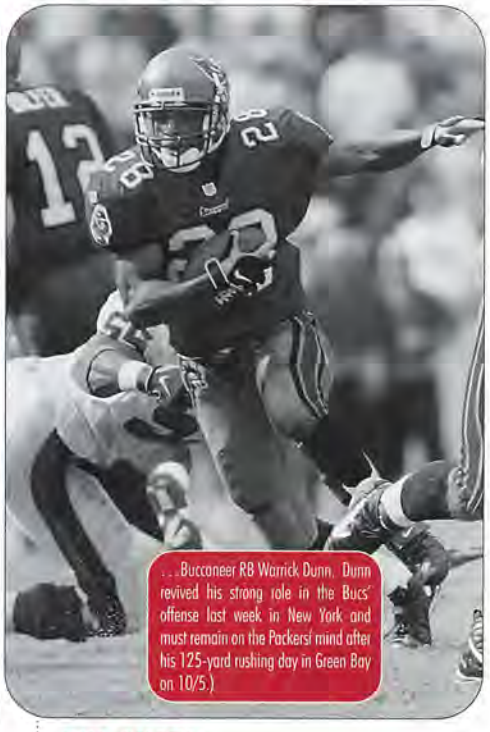
While much attention has centered this season around the emergence of the Buccaneer offense - the unit is on pace to score its most points since 1984 (335) – it has been the superlative effort of the defense that has led the team during its most recent four-game stretch.

Questioning the theory that defense wins games? Well, take a look at some of the numbers detailing the Bucs' defensive fortunes the past four weeks:

- 9.5 – Average points allowed per game. Opposing offenses have gained a total of 38 points over the four-game stretch. At its current clip, Tampa Bay's defense is on schedule to allow just 246 points this season, its lowest 16-game total since 1979 (237).
- 5 – Overall league ranking. Bolstered by its dominating performance at New York last week in which the Giants were limited to a mere 202 yards of net offense, the unit made a monumental leap in the overall league standings from 10th to fifth.
- 119.8 – Average passing yards allowed. Since week five, when the pass defense was ranked 26th in the league, the unit has improved each week, eventually reaching the 11th overall ranking it enjoys this week.
- 7–Turnovers forced. An area that had been an early-season concern for Tony Dungy was a lack of defensive turnovers, however, that uneasiness has dissipated the last four weeks as the team has recovered three fumbles and picked off four passes.

FAMILIAR FACES

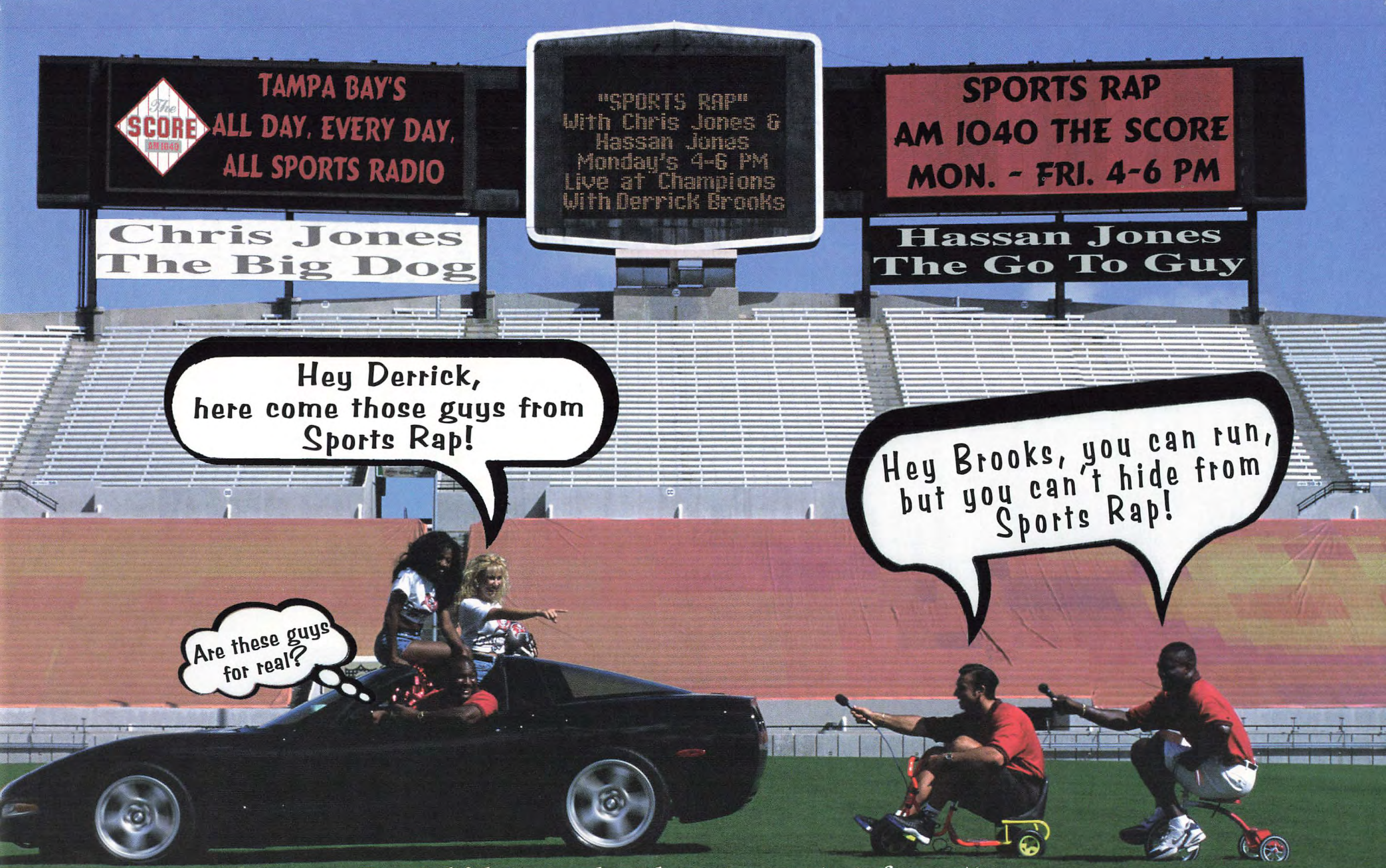
Tampa Bay TE Jackie Harris was drafted in the fourth round by the Packers in 1990 and went on to emerge as one of the league' s top pass-catching tight ends in four years in Green Bay. His 133 catches as a Packer included 55 in 1992, one shy of the team record for that position.*** Green Bay S Mike Prior, a 12th-year NFL veteran, is in his fifth season in Green Bay after six campaigns in Indianapolis, but he started his career in Tampa Bay. Prior was drafted by the Bucs in the seventh round in 1985 and played one season in a Tampa Bay uniform before being waived and sitting out in 1986. Packer DT Santana Dotson also started out with the Buccaneers as a fifth-rounder in 1992. Dotson spent four seasons in Tampa and was the NFC' s Defensive Rookie of the Year in 1992.



...Buccaneer RB Warrick Dunn. Dunn revived his strong role in the Bucs' offense last week in New York and must remain on the Packers' mind after his 125-yard rushing day in Green Bay on 10/5.)

BUC SHOTS

With the Bucs' 20-8 victory over the New York Giants last Sunday, Head Coach Tony Dungy emerged as the only coach in franchise history with a winning record. Dungy' s charges went 6-10 in his first season at the helm last year, but the Bucs' 9-4 mark so far this year gives him a 15-14 overall record***The Buccaneers have truly been "Road Warriors" in 1997, compiling a 5-2 record away from home that ties them with the San Francisco 49ers for the best in the league. With a victory in its final road test, at the New York Jets on 12/14, the Buccaneers could post the best road mark in team history, surpassing the 5-3 record posted by the 1979 squad. They have already joined the '79 teams as the only two ever to have a winning mark away from home ***RB Errict Rhett is proving himself to be a valuable contributor in the team's goal line situations. The fourth-year player out of Florida has been inserted into the lineup two of the last three games in goal-to-go situations and has produced a pair of touchdowns. Rhett now has 23 rushing TDs in his career, good for second on the team' s all-time list behind James Wilder' s 37*** CB Tyrone Legette made two special teams stops against the Giants and is the team leader with 13 kick-coverage tackles. That's no surprise to the Buccaneers, who signed Legette as an unrestricted free agent from New Orleans last season and saw him pace the squad with 19 special teams stops. Those combined totals mean Legette has come up with a remarkable 32 special teams tackles in just 28 games as a Buccaneer (he missed one game in ' 97). •



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TRENT DILFER: TAKING FLIGHT

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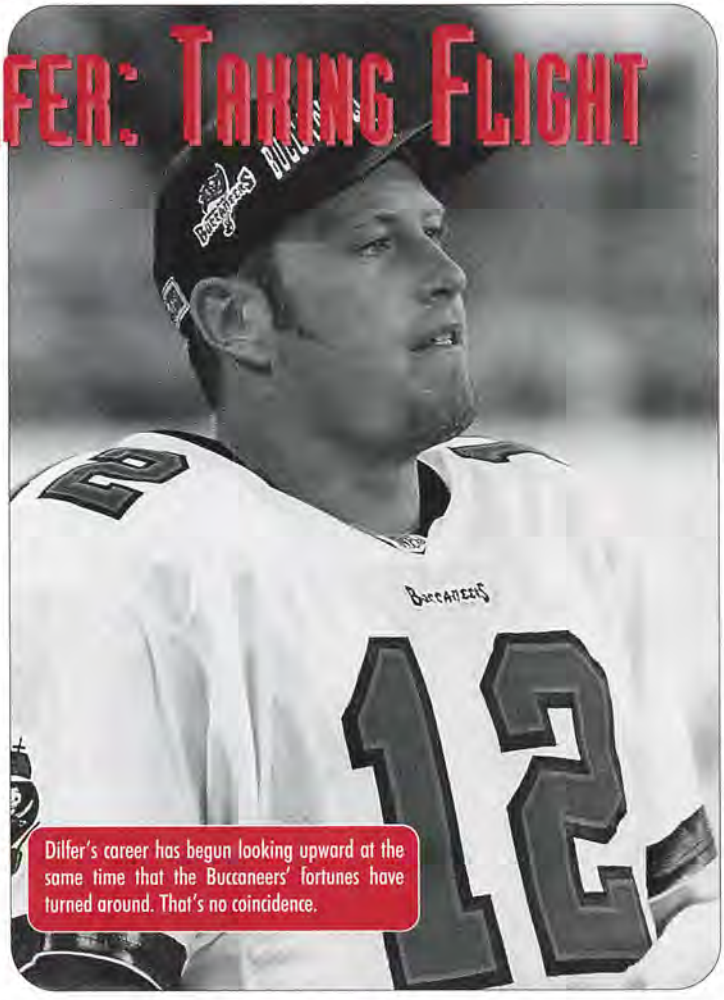

Dilfer's career has begun looking upward at the same time that the Buccaneers' fortunes have turned around. That's no coincidence.

The plane began its takeoff and, as Trent Dilfer leaned back and politely answered the writer's questions, the analogy began to build as obviously as the G-force.

The story was the stunning 1997 emergence of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' quarterback, and the writer's task ahead was crystal clear: nail the centerpiece comparison (Dilfer's career has taken off as rapidly as the 757's steep climb), use the flight's two hours to fill in the hows and whens, and coast home to a three-point landing about the team's proximity to the playoffs.

After all, the flight in question was the Buccaneers' team charter to New York, where the Bucs would meet the Giants in a game loaded with playoff implications, and Dilfer was as responsible as anyone for this team being in such a position.

Woe to the writer, then, as the analogy collapsed during flight, and not just because of the plane's touch-down, which was more of a six-pointer (name of pilot withheld). The root problem is this: though it may seem as if Dilfer's climb into the quarterback elite has been six-Gee inducing, the ascent was really much more gradual.

"I don't think there was a specific game that it clicked," said Dilfer. "I think it was more of an emotional enlightenment, understanding what playing quarterback in this league is all about. The Xs and Os — no matter what people say, that was never an issue. My decision-making might not have been quite as good as it could have been at times, but there have been very few moments in my career where teams have done something that I didn't understand.

"You just have to be patient. Many times it works out and you end up winning and some times it doesn't. You can't doubt yourself. You just evaluate what happened, go on to the next week and try to do the same things right."

Statistically, the end of Dilfer's runway is pretty well demarcated. Through five games of 1996, Dilfer's third season in the NFL and second as the team's starter, the Bucs' young QB had tossed 10 interceptions versus just one touchdown and had a regrettable 35.6 passer rating. Then, his career seemed to suddenly take flight in the sixth game, vs. Minnesota (10/13). In that contest, Dilfer tossed three touchdown passes and no picks and led the Bucs to a 24-13 win and a 6-5 record down the stretch. You want turnaround? Dilfer's career passer rating prior to that Viking game: 55.9. Since: 84.8. This year, he ranks sixth in the NFL with a rating of 89.3 and is likely to shatter the Buccaneers' single-season record in that category (85.3).

Still, Dilfer doesn't think the '96 Minnesota game included some sudden epiphany. "It was frustrating last year for me with the 10 interceptions and one touchdown," he said, "because I thought I'd played pretty well. I'd made three or four mistakes a game, but even out of those three or four only one resulted in something that was very negative. A lot of negative plays that were happening, I didn't feel like I had much control over, and it was very frustrating.

"I guess what happened was I just accepted that there were going to be times when bad things happen and it's not your fault. The most important thing I did last year was keep doing what I was doing. I was doing the same thing with one touchdown and 10 interceptions as I was during the string of good games that followed. It was just better people around me and a better understanding of the offense, by me and the rest of the team."

The team's fortunes, however, were not the same in the second half of 1996, as the Bucs flew down the stretch with a 5-2 mark, raising optimism for the 1997 season. For once, those good feelings were founded, as Tampa Bay burst out of the gates this year with a 5-0 start and is, at 9-4 at the close of November, teetering on the edge of its first playoff berth since 1982. Such lofty heights for the Buccaneers have inspired an outpouring of emotions from its long-suffering fans, but the team has mirrored head coach Tony Dungy's stoicism and kept its wings level. Dilfer, in fact, had made it his avowed goal for the season to keep his spirits on an even keel.

"There are times that you regress and let your emotions get the best of you," said Dilfer, whose opportunities to be demonstrative have increased with his team-record-tying 20 touchdown passes, "But what you do when you don't let the highs get too high and the lows get too low is allow yourself to play the next play as the most important one of the game and get rid of what happened before. That's a difficult thing to do, because it's hard not to dwell on something bad that's happened and it's hard not to think that if something good is happened it's going to happen the rest of the game. You constantly have to look to the next play as the most important. If you stay stable emotionally, it allows you to do that."

Case in point: Against the Arizona Cardinals on September 28, the 4-0 Bucs were playing their least inspired game of the season to that point. Leading by just two points in the third quarter, Dilfer tried to zip a short slant-in to WR Reidel Anthony on third and eight. All-Pro CB Aeneas Williams interrupted that plan by darting into the throw's path and taking an interception back 42 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. However, still trailing 18-12 midway through the final period, Dilfer redeemed himself on a fourth-and-five play at the Cardinals' 31-yard line when he stood calmly in the pocket, surveyed the options and eventually fired a pass to WR Karl Williams on a crossing route. Though tightly covered by the same outstanding Cardinal cornerback, Williams caught the pass and raced down the field for the winning score. It was a sublime moment for Dilfer who, despite clearly turning the corner on his career in 1996, had yet to establish the Elwayesque dimension of being able to bring his team out of a hole in the fourth quarter.

In addition to Dilfer's own vow of control, two seasons under the direction of Offensive Coordinator Mike Shula have also helped Trent maintain a winning focus. "I think the biggest thing Mike has done for me is make

me focus day in, day out on the details," said Dilfer. "Not taking anything for granted, not getting complacent. I've always had a tendency in everything I do in life to get a little complacent. 'If I've done this good for so long, I don't need to worry about it.' But what Mike does is, even when you're doing something great, he expects you to do it better."

That kind of philosophy has suited Dilfer well in '97. Case in point: against the Minnesota Vikings in Week Three (9/14), Dilfer was near-flawless in a 28-14 win in the Metrodome, completing 15 of 20 passes for 192 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions. Still, a 191-yard rushing performance by the Bucs' ground attack made Dilfer's efforts less central. Back home the following Sunday against Miami (9/21), the passing game took center stage and Dilfer outgunned the Dolphins' Dan Marino, completing 18 of 24 passes for 248 yards, a career-high four touchdowns and no interceptions. How far has Dilfer come from his ratings-challenged days of 1995? His four touchdowns against Miami matched his total from the entire '95 season.

Some times, though, just maintaining the status quo is an act of brilliance. Until the first quarter of last Sunday's game in New York, when an on-target pass went through Williams' hands near the goal line and into the clutches of Giant CB Phillippi Sparks, Dilfer had thrown a team-record 158 passes without an interception, dating back to October 12th. (Dilfer chased Sparks down on the sideline and saved a touchdown). Put it this way, Dilfer's family grew by 33% between the time it took him to throw his sixth pick of the season and his seventh. Cassandra Dilfer gave birth to Trevin Scott on November 10 to give 20-month-old daughter Madeleine a brother and the expanded family size is "tiring but fun" according to Trent. "There's nothing better," says Dilfer, "than getting home from work, putting him on my chest and just chilling."

In control of his emotions and extremely confident on the field, Dilfer is a natural leader for the Buccaneer offense.

Trevin's mid-season arrival surely provided additional perspective for Dilfer, but to be honest, that's a category he was doing pretty well in already. In effect, Dilfer has weathered the turbulence of the early part of his career and come out on top of the clouds due to at least two matters of perspective: decisiveness and a sureness of purpose. Dilfer's own words illustrate these two points best:

Decisiveness..."Just saying, 'this is where I'm going with the ball, grip it and rip it and whatever happens, move on,' instead of saying, 'Ooh, is this the right spot or is it not? Should I be going here?' You're just not trusting yourself if you do that. I prepare so hard and I work so many hours during the week so that when I go out on Sunday, it's really the day I have to think the least. It's the day that you react and trust your preparation."

Sureness of purpose...."The most important thing in my life, beyond my family and football, is my relationship with Jesus Christ. I want somebody to look at my life and say, why was Trent able to handle the miserable years, then have the great years and pretty much stay the same? And I never want football to get too big, because ultimately the reason I'm playing football is to influence others. I believe God is using me to influence people's lives as a football player. He uses people selling insurance, he uses people in schools and sanitation departments in exactly the way he's using me. It's much bigger than people think."

With that, the in-flight conversation is at an end. Unlike the continuing upward climb of Dilfer's career, this plane will be preparing to land...see, the analogy is dead. No matter, it's all relative for the young QB: touch-down; touchdown. Grip it n' rip it. •

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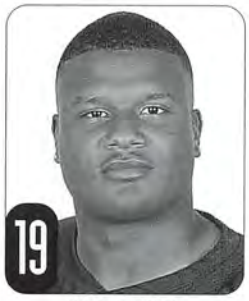

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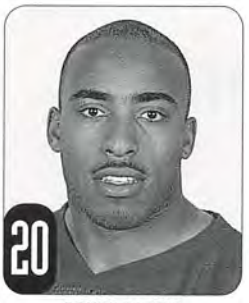

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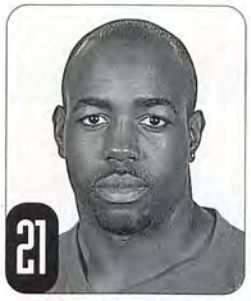

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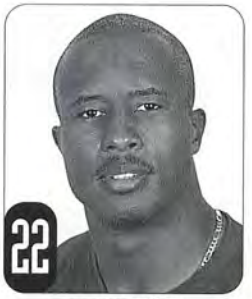

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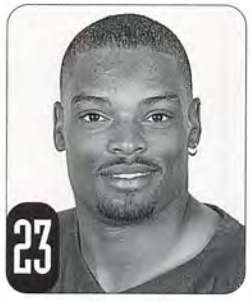

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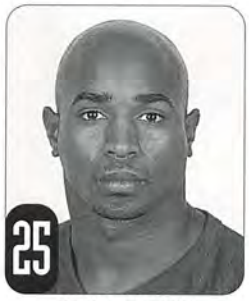

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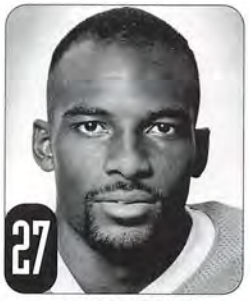

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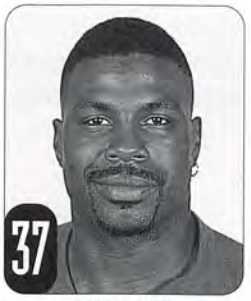

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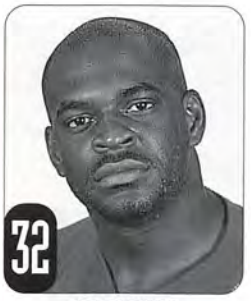

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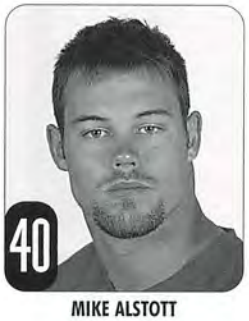

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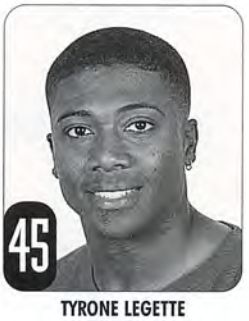

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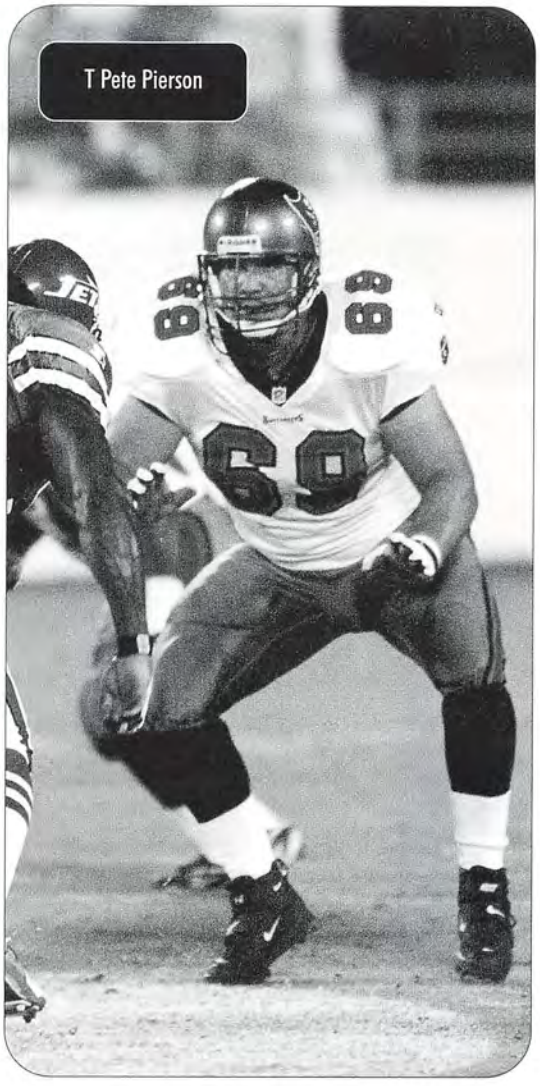

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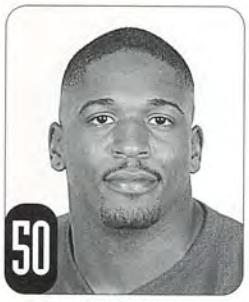

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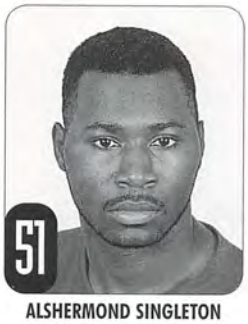

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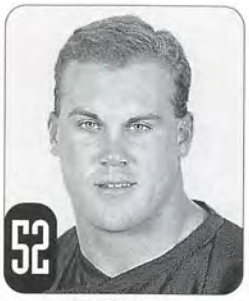

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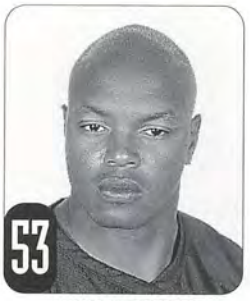

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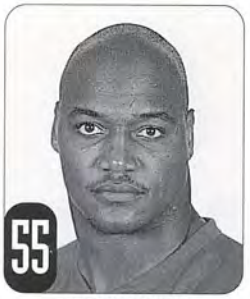

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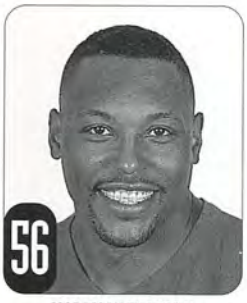

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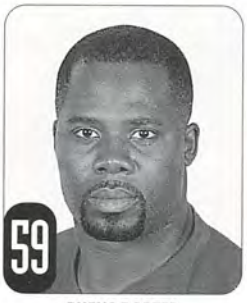

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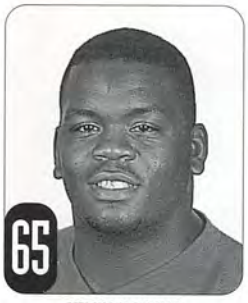

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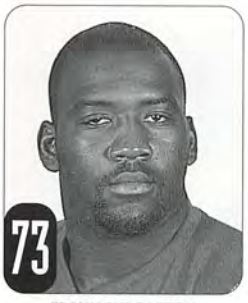

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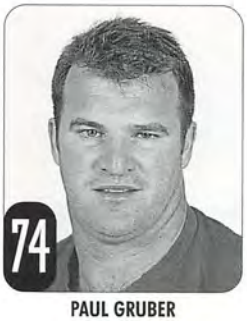

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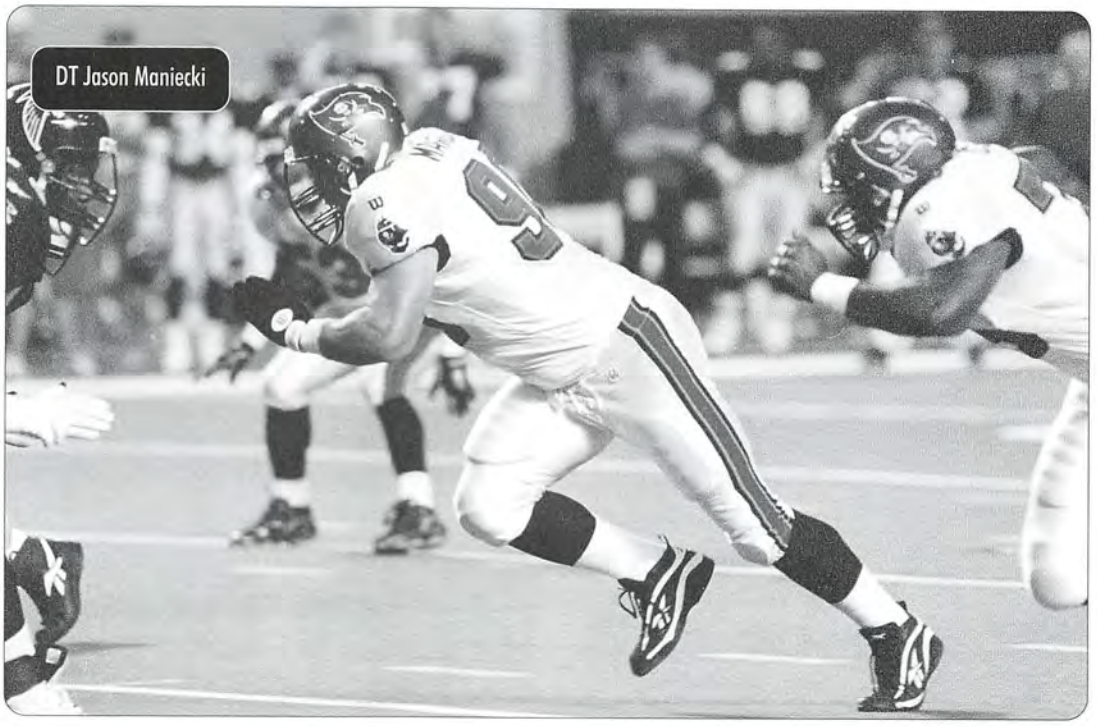

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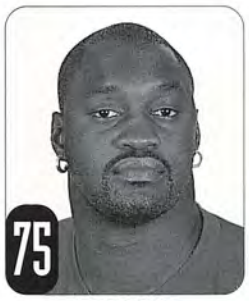

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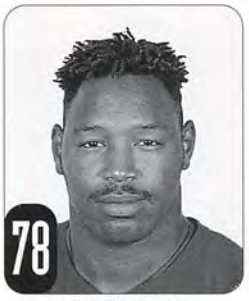

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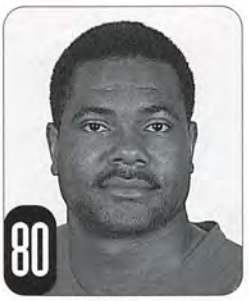

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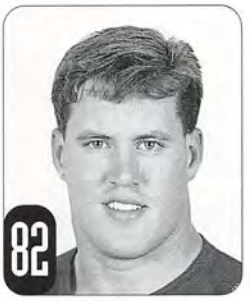

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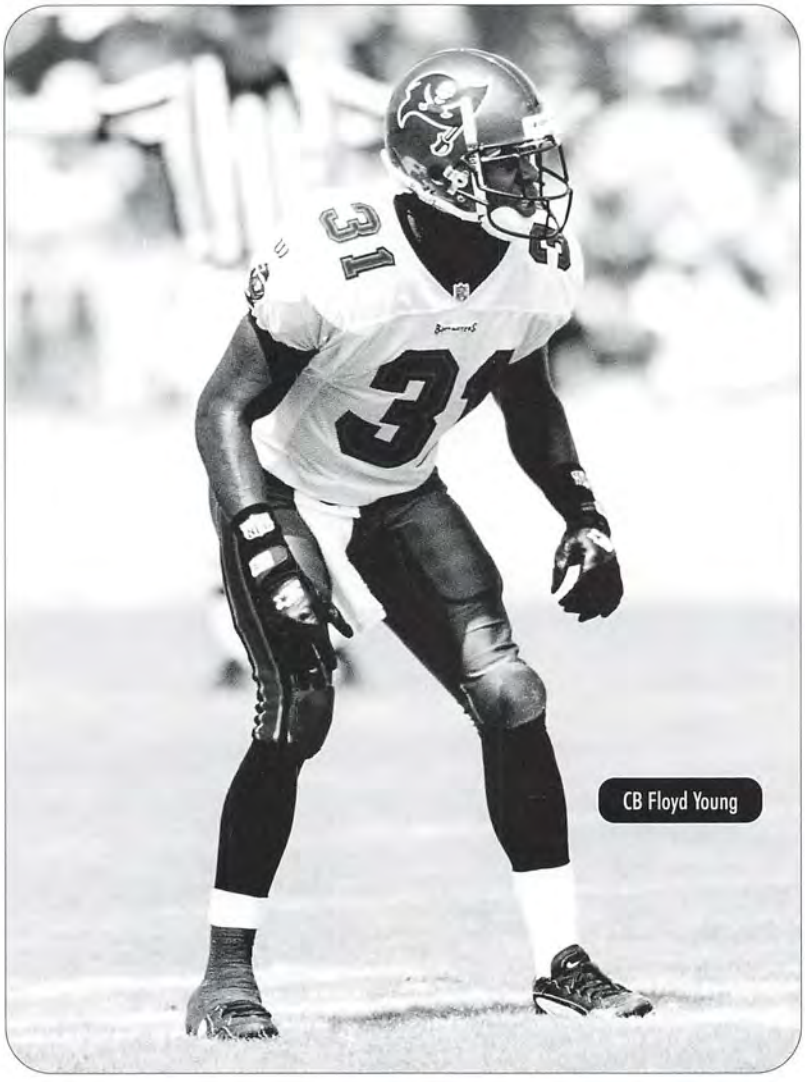

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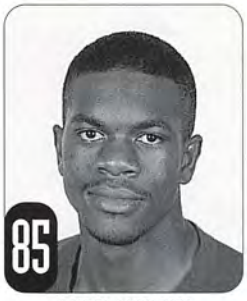

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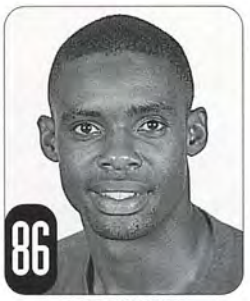

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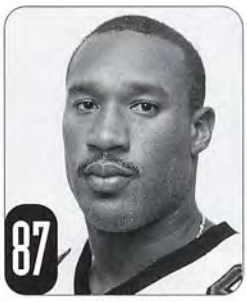

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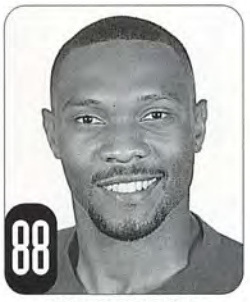

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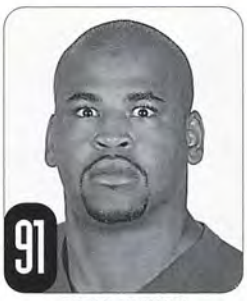

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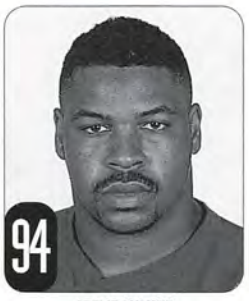

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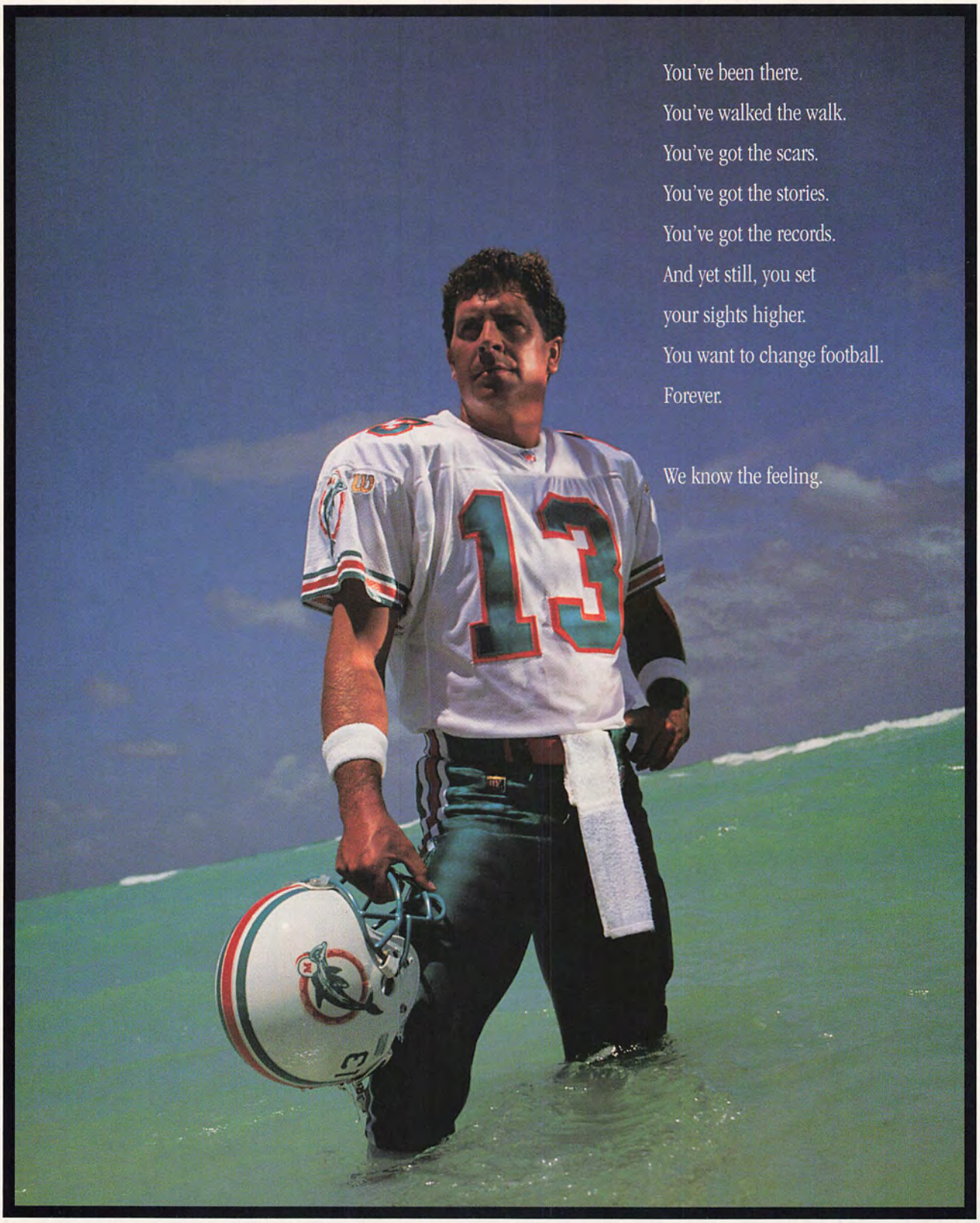

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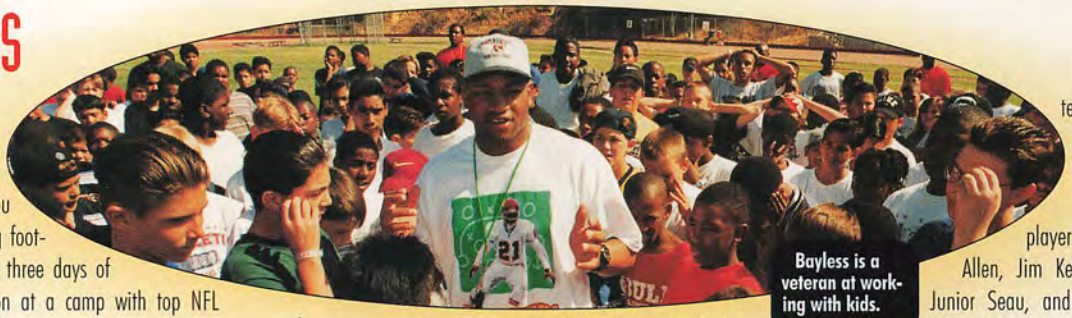
GAMEFACES

By James Buckley, Jr.

Bayless Watch



Bayless is a veteran at working with kids.

Martin Bayless Foundation

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That is how long veteran NFL safety Martin Bayless has been running free summer camps for youngsters.

"I started the first one in Dayton [Ohio], my hometown," says Bayless, who has played for five NFL teams, most recently the Chiefs. "When I was a kid, I always dreamed of meeting NFL players. But I never could afford the camps. So we try to attract kids who can't afford to go to games or camps. Making the camps free means more kids can take part."

More than 30,000 youngsters have participated in the camps. Bayless still holds a camp every summer in Dayton. He also has run camps in San Diego for eight years, Phoenix for three years, and this summer had his first camp in Kansas City.

Kansas City's Donnie Edwards, Cincinnati's Dan Wilkerson and Darnay Scott, San Diego's Marco Coleman, Chicago's Rashaan Salaam, and Oakland's La'Roi Glover are among the NFL players who attended the camp as youngsters and now help out as counselors.

"These guys are able to say to the kids, 'Hey, I was in this camp five years ago, and I worked hard and listened and look where I am now,'" Bayless says.

In addition, star players such as Marcus Allen, Jim Kelly, Reggie White, Junior Seau, and Thurman Thomas have made appearances at the camps.

"We use football as the magnet," Bayless says. "We do football drills, sure. But the main focus is to talk to the kids on their level. Marcus Allen telling stories about what his life was like as a youngster really has an impact. Parents can say the same things, but it's different when it comes from an NFL player."

Life lessons and football tips are the stock in trade at Bayless's camps. While it is nice that some former campers are in the NFL, it is more important to Bayless that campers stay in school, work hard, and strive to succeed.

For information on the dates of the camps in the four cities next summer, call the Martin Bayless Foundation at (619) 295-2185.

From Green Bay to the White House

After winning Super Bowl XXXI, the Packers made the traditional pilgrimage to Washington to visit the White House and First Fan Bill Clinton. The team (general manager Ron Wolf and head coach Mike Holmgren flank the President) presented Clinton with an autographed football and a Packers' jacket. The playoffs to determine who will be in this picture next year begin December 27.

Vernon Biever

Yes, That's Troy Aikman in the Driver's Seat

Don't tell the guys in Dallas's locker room, but a gymnast beat Troy Aikman, Herschel Walker, and Bill Bates.

No, Bart Conner did not try to tackle Walker or sack Aikman.

Conner beat the Cowboys and a host of other celebrities in a Legends auto race at the Texas Motorplex Speedway outside Dallas. The participants, racing over an abbreviated version of the new track that also presented its first NASCAR and Indy races this year, drove five-eighths scale replicas of classic cars.

Conner won the race, while Aikman and Walker also completed the course.

Bates, however, in his true kamikaze special-teams style, stuck the nose of his car into a wall. He was not hurt.

James D. Smith

GAMEFACES

The Oilers' linemen worked up an appetite in training camp.

Gerald Gallegos

Healthy Appetites

The state of Tennessee welcomed the NFL and the Oilers with open arms this season. Fans from Murfreesboro to Knoxville were excited that the NFL was there to stay.

But for a few people, it took some getting used to.

"I saw one Oilers offensive lineman eat eight chicken breasts one night, and then he wanted more," says John Tate, director of food services at Tennessee State University, where the Oilers held training camp. "That's a lot of chicken."

The folks at TSU's Rhodes College campus, where the Oilers prepared for a preseason game against New Orleans, were not used to the appetites of men who consume more than 5,000 calories daily during two-a-day practices. The kitchen nearly was overwhelmed by the voracious Oilers, reporting that while 270 pounds of chicken would suffice as dinner for 800 students for a couple of days, that amount would not be nearly enough for the 130-person Oilers group, who put away nearly 600 pounds.

To say nothing of 800 pounds of bananas. Or 250 pounds of turkey. The staff also needed an endless assembly line of peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches, favored by the players for their late-night snacking.

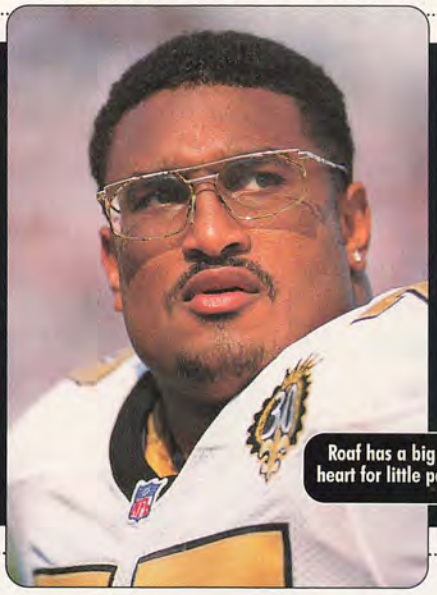
From Roaf, With Love

At four Saints games last season, 50 New Orleans youngsters could say, "We're with William."

Pro Bowl tackle William Roaf bought the tickets and donated them to four area charities working with young people.

"It's a positive thing to let these kids come and see us play," Roaf says. "I know they look up to us as role models, so I think we're obligated to show our support and let them see us firsthand. It's something I'll do for the rest of my career."

Playing host to few youngsters is just one of the things Roaf does to help the community. He also has made appearances for NFL C.I.T.Y. (the NFL's inner-city flag football program), taped public-service announcements urging boys and girls to drink their milk, and joined with other Saints players to gather Christmas gifts for needy children.



Roaf has a big heart for little people.

Joe Robbins

The Great White Park

Al Messerschmidt

If Carolina's Kerry Collins yells "Fore!" after throwing an errant pass, if the referees ask Panthers players to replace their divots, or if kicker John Kasay stops to read the green before a field-goal attempt, here's why: The new turf at Ericsson Stadium was put there by a company owned by golfer Greg Norman.

Levy Wins Rozelle Award

Buffalo head coach Marv Levy already holds a number of distinctions. He led his team to an unprecedented four consecutive AFC championships. He currently is the longest-tenured NFL head coach for one team, and, at 72, he joins the legendary George Halas as the oldest men to coach an NFL team.

This fall, Levy added another award to his trophy case. He became the ninth recipient of the Pete Rozelle Award, given by the Touchdown Club of New Orleans. Levy joins past winners such as Lamar Hunt, Tom Landry, Wellington Mara, and Don Shula. It is a singular honor given to men who have contributed greatly to the NFL and pro football.

Buffalo's coach was honored in New Orleans.

Jim Turner

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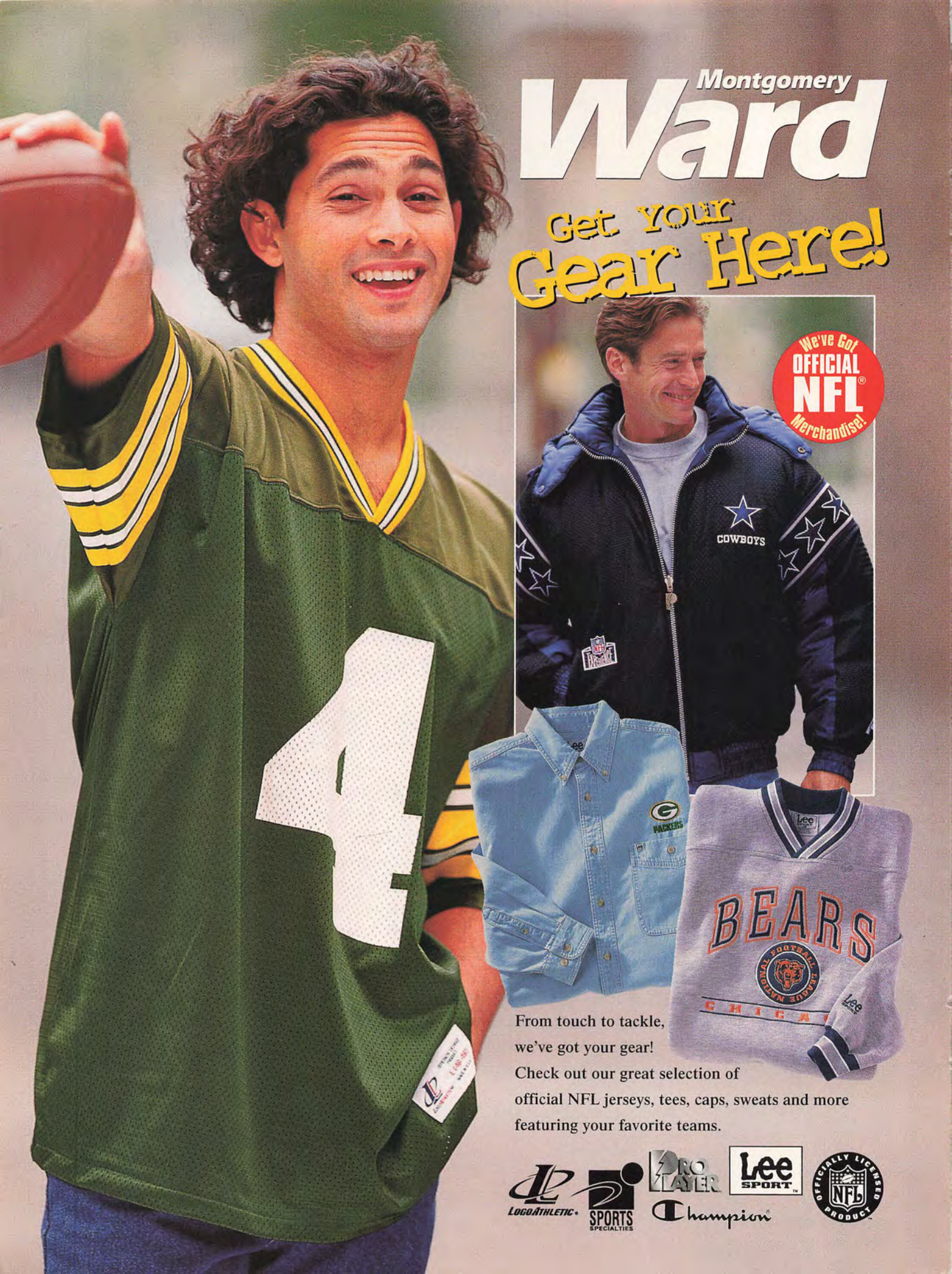
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GIANT LEAP

New York's Jason Sehorn, a Seldom-Used Safety His First Two NFL Seasons, Blossomed Into a Star Cornerback in 1996

By Jenny Kellner

There were times during his first two NFL seasons when Jason Sehorn would volunteer to speak to a group of schoolchildren, only to find them all peering at him inquisitively, wondering just who was this guy who claimed to be a New York Giants football player.

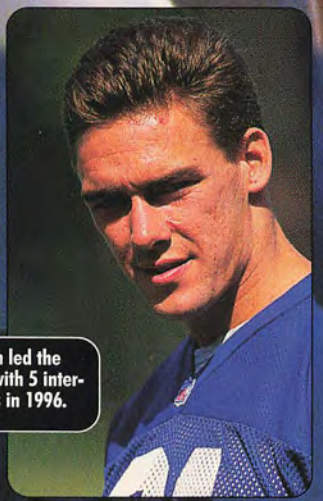
The young safety would stand there wondering pretty much the same thing. Sehorn's statistics his first season read like John Blutarski's grade-point average in *Animal House*: 0.0.

No tackles. No assists. No passes defensed. No forced fumbles. No fumbles recovered. No interceptions. Sehorn did not record his first defensive tackle until the middle of November during his second season, when he lined up as part of the Nickel defense, and he finished the year with only 4 tackles and 2 assists after a series of nagging injuries.

That was not exactly what Sehorn had envisioned when he made football his sport of choice in junior college.

"For those first two years in the NFL, I collected cobwebs," says Sehorn, who had a breakout season in 1996, finishing with a team-high 5 interceptions and 12 passes defensed, along with 97 tackles, after moving to cornerback. "I was miserable. I didn't play a single down my rookie season and just eight games on special teams. The first sixteen games, I was thinking, 'They don't like me, I can't play.' That was the most humbling experience of my life."

In truth, it probably was one of the only humbling experiences of Sehorn's life when it came to sports. Sehorn grew up in Mount Shasta (population: 3,500), California, 240 miles north of Sacramento. He was a standout in whatever athletic endeavor to which he turned, from track and field to basketball.



Sehorn led the Giants with 5 interceptions in 1996.

Keith Crosby

Wary of the hard-hitting practice sessions, Sehorn did not join his high school's football team until his senior year, when Mount Shasta's new coach, Joe Blevins, coerced him into playing. Midway through the season, Sonny Stupek, the head football coach from Shasta Community College, saw Sehorn return 3 kickoffs for touchdowns in one game. Stupek spent the next few months convincing Sehorn to attend his school. During the summer of 1989, however, Sehorn—who never had played baseball, either—decided to kill some time playing American Legion ball with his friends.

David Drapkin

"It looked like he was coming to Shasta, and we were talking to each other about once a week," says Stupek, who now is retired from his position as Shasta's head football coach but remains a

close friend and mentor to Sehorn. "Then, out of the blue, I get a call from him saying, 'I think I'm going to play baseball. Do you mind?' It turns out there was a scout from the Cubs sitting in his living room with a check for $40,000. Jason and his brother were raised by his mother alone, and that was a lot of money. I said, 'Take the money, and hang from there.'"

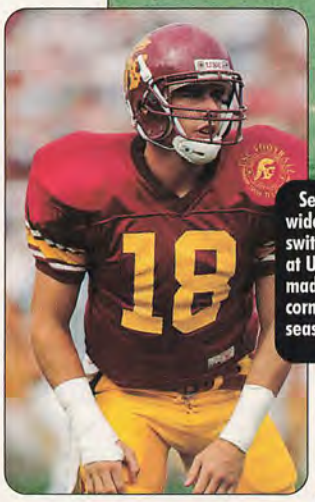
Fortunately for Stupek, Sehorn found playing baseball in Huntington, West Virginia, about as appealing as a vampire might find harvesting garlic. The 1990 minor-league season ended August 31, and, after driving cross-country over the Labor Day weekend, Sehorn played in his first college football game the next weekend, scoring on a 93-yard kickoff return.

The following week, playing only in the second quarter, he had 5 catches for 5 touchdowns, and in his first full game against San Mateo Junior College, he caught 4 passes for 243 yards and 4 touchdowns.

"It was obvious from the first minute I saw him that he had a tremendous gift," Stupek says. "He was unbelievable. He had this incredible assurance of what he can do on the field. He also could get by on a high level just cruising, going through the motions and having a good time. What I tried to do—and still do—is put a lot of things in his mind so he's not just going along for the ride."

The remainder of Sehorn's junior-college career progressed pretty much as Stupek expected. Sehorn made the Junior College All-America team as a freshman, catching 59 passes for 1,033 yards and 17 touchdowns, and finished his junior-college career with a state record 4,308 all-purpose yards, an average of 239 yards per game. Despite Sehorn's record-setting performance at wide receiver, however, Stupek told him when he transferred to USC that his days at that position were numbered.

"Sure enough, when I got to USC there were eighteen wide receivers and only two safeties," Sehorn says. "I could get in maybe ten, eleven plays a game at wide receiver. I said, 'I'll play safety.' I went from doing everything forward to doing everything backward. I was embarrassed my junior year. Then, [USC defensive backs coach and former NFL safety Dennis] Thurman came. I still didn't know if I could play. He was a lot like coach Stupek. He told me, 'Jason, if you can learn how to play this position, you will play a long time in the NFL.' He instilled that confidence in me."



Sehorn was a wide receiver until switching to safety at USC (left). He made the move to cornerback last season.

As a senior in 1993, Sehorn had 7 interceptions, and the Giants made him the second of their two second-round choices in the following spring's draft. Sehorn was skeptical about moving to the New York area, especially with his fiancée Whitney still attending USC, plus the contrast between southern California and New Jersey was a jarring one, on and off the field. Especially on.

"The transition was tough," Sehorn says. "At first, I didn't take the time to be a student of the game. In the NFL, you can't say, 'He's a helluva athlete, he'll make up for it.' They can't have you out there free-lancing. Now, looking back, as much as I hated it, I'd much rather have worked than float along on my athleticism. I was forced to learn the game."

In addition to buckling down and learning the nuances of his position, Sehorn also tackled a rigorous training program after his rookie season. His herculean efforts earned him the nickname "Species" from his teammates, who joked that this unusual physical specimen must have been artificially created in a Petri dish.

"I wanted the coaches to see something in me," Sehorn says. "I'd run for days. I'd lift more weight than the other defensive backs. I had the desire and the need to prove something to them and to myself. Nine times out of ten, the reason you're not playing is yourself. So I had to change."

When Sehorn finally got the opportunity to play in 1996, the results were immediate and spectacular, even in the Giants' poor season. He was moved to the starting right cornerback slot because of Thomas Randolph's limited participation in training camp, and made his first start against Buffalo on September 1. He sacked quarterback Jim Kelly to force a fumble and he allowed the Bills' quarterback to complete only 4 of the 11 passes he threw to Sehorn's side.

Two weeks later, Sehorn recorded his first interception when he snared a pass from Gus Frerotte in the third quarter against Washington. The following week he led the team with 9 tackles against the Jets. Against the Vikings, he sacked quarterback Warren Moon twice, had 6 solo tackles, and was awarded his first game ball.

He had an outstanding afternoon against Dallas while covering Michael Irvin, finishing with 8 tackles, a forced fumble, and an interception that he returned 24 yards to set up a field goal as the Giants upset the defending Super Bowl champions.

Sehorn finished the season with another standout performance against the Patriots. He teamed with Michael Strahan to pressure Drew Bledsoe into intentionally grounding the ball in his end zone for a safety, and he returned an interception 23 yards for his first career touchdown.

"He has great athletic ability," Giants defensive backs coach Johnnie Lynn says. "He has a good sense for the ball, a big body, and good arm span. He can press guys and run with them down the field."

At 6 feet 2 inches and 215 pounds, Sehorn likes to think it is his size that makes him unique among his peers.

Jim Turner

"With my size, I'm not your everyday corner," he says.

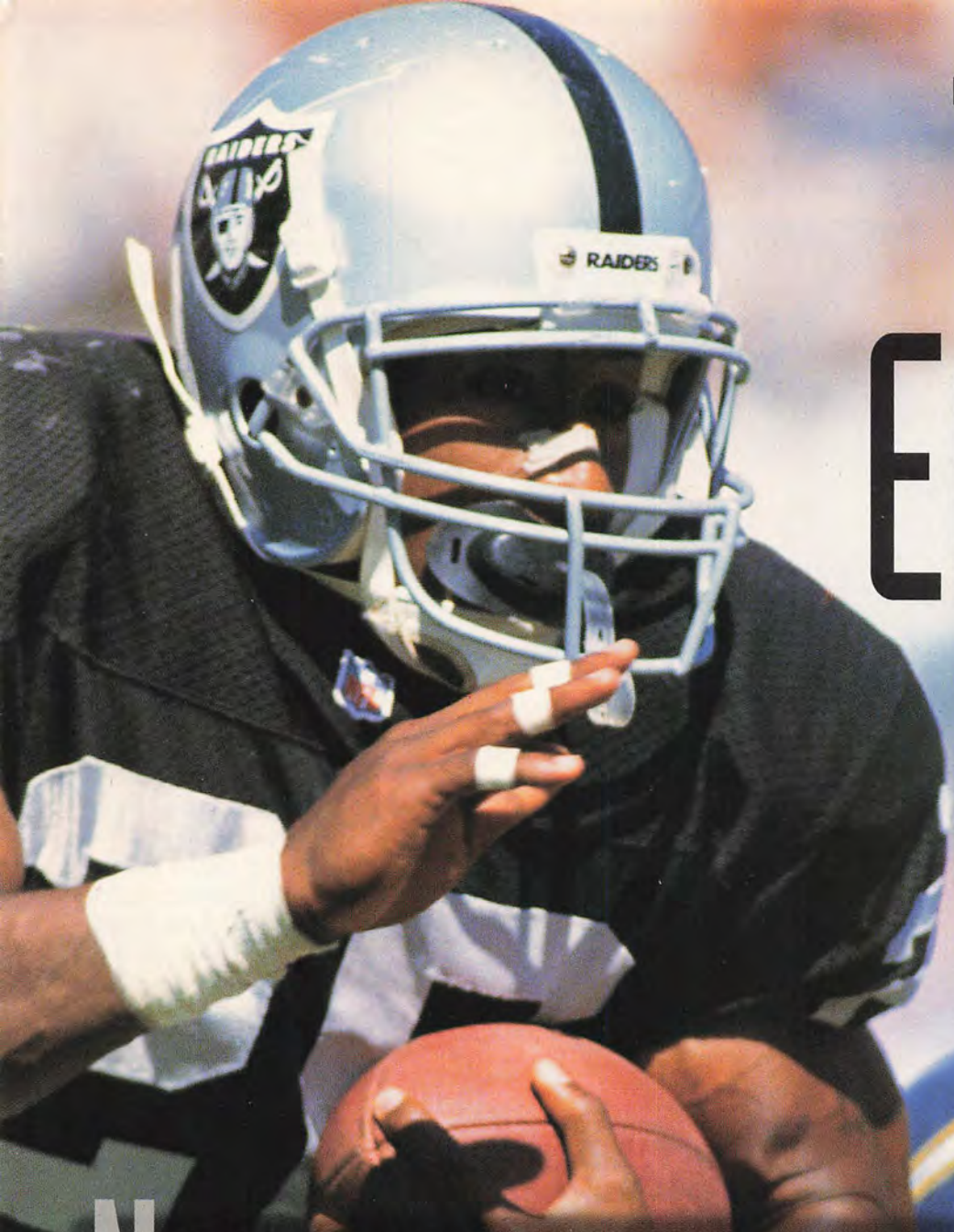
Now, Sehorn says, he has to take the next step and learn as much about the game as he can.

"I've had it easy because all along, I've had people on my side who have taken me beyond being a frustrated athlete who can do things physically," he says. "Football has definitely been a challenge for me as I've moved up the ladder. The one thing I don't want to do is embarrass myself.

Kevin Terrell/NFLP

"I don't care if other people think I made a mistake, but I don't want to come back to the sidelines and have the coaches not look at me because I did something wrong. As a corner, you're out there on an island, all by yourself, and everyone is looking at you.

"But getting to know the game of football has been a blast. And I think to myself, 'I've done this well with this amount of knowledge—with more knowledge, I can get better.' My mother always told me, 'Either you're moving forward, or you're going backwards.'" ●



TOUGH ENOUGH

The Raiders' Napoleon Kaufman is Small by NFL Standards, but He Earned Oakland's Starting Tailback Job This Year

BY RICHARD WEINER

Napoleon Kaufman does not look like a tough guy in the traditional Oakland Raiders mold. He stands only 5 feet 9 inches and weighs just 180 pounds. Okay, his head is shaved, and there is a tattoo on his bulging left bicep—but it bears only his mother's name. The messages printed on his T-shirts represent religion, not the skull and crossbones worn by loyal fans.

Even so, virtually everyone uses the same description when asked about Kaufman, who last season averaged an NFL-best 5.8 yards per carry: tough. As in tough little runner. Tough life growing up. Tough to prepare for.

Kaufman even uses the word when he tells how far he has come—from a troubled youth to a third-year running back on the verge of dominating the behemoth world of the NFL.

"I went through some tough times growing up, in and out of juvenile hall, having some trouble grade-wise, and my mother went through some hard times with drugs and everything," Kaufman says. "But the thing about it is, I can look back at those things that happened and appreciate how far the Lord has brought me. A lot of guys were born with a silver spoon in their mouths. But for me, there was a fight that had to take place to get to the point I am at now."

Kaufman, 24, was 1 year old when his mother, Lojuana, moved the two of them from Kansas City to Lompoc, California, where his grandfather worked at nearby Vandenberg Air Force Base. Young Napoleon III tried a handful of sports, such as track, wrestling, and basketball. He was barely 11, though, when it became clear that football would be his calling.

San Francisco 49ers punter Tommy Thompson, a youth-league and high-school teammate of Kaufman, revealed a telling anecdote last year. Thompson said that Kaufman was so dominant in pee-wee league play that the only thing stopping him was his own teammates, who kept getting called for clipping penalties during his long runs.

"I'd break for a touchdown, and they would get called for a penalty," Kaufman says. "So, one day, we were at practice and the coach said, 'Look, when Napoleon breaks free and gets in the open, I want everyone to turn and get on a knee.' So you'd be watching film and all of a sudden I'd break free, and you could see everybody down on one knee, watching me run."

Kaufman still is one of the fastest players on any football field: He lettered twice in college by running sprints and relays on the track team.

Kaufman first realized he was destined to be speedier than his peers as a freshman at Lompoc High, when he easily beat the top high school runner in the area during a championship meet.

"After that, I looked at him and said, 'This is a special kid,'" Lompoc football coach Dick Barrett says. Barrett would become a surrogate father to Kaufman, an only child raised by a single parent after a divorce.

"When I came on the scene,

Tracy Frankel

Napoleon was living with his mother," Barrett says. "She was struggling. She was out of work. The kid needed some guidance and some help. And she asked me for help. The beautiful thing about it was, his mom sat him down. Napoleon was not a perfect child. He had his problems off and on. She said, 'Napoleon, Coach Barrett is in charge. Whatever he says, goes.' When a parent is working hand-in-hand with the school, you've got a real good chance. It's when there are a lot of mixed messages floating around that it's pretty hard."

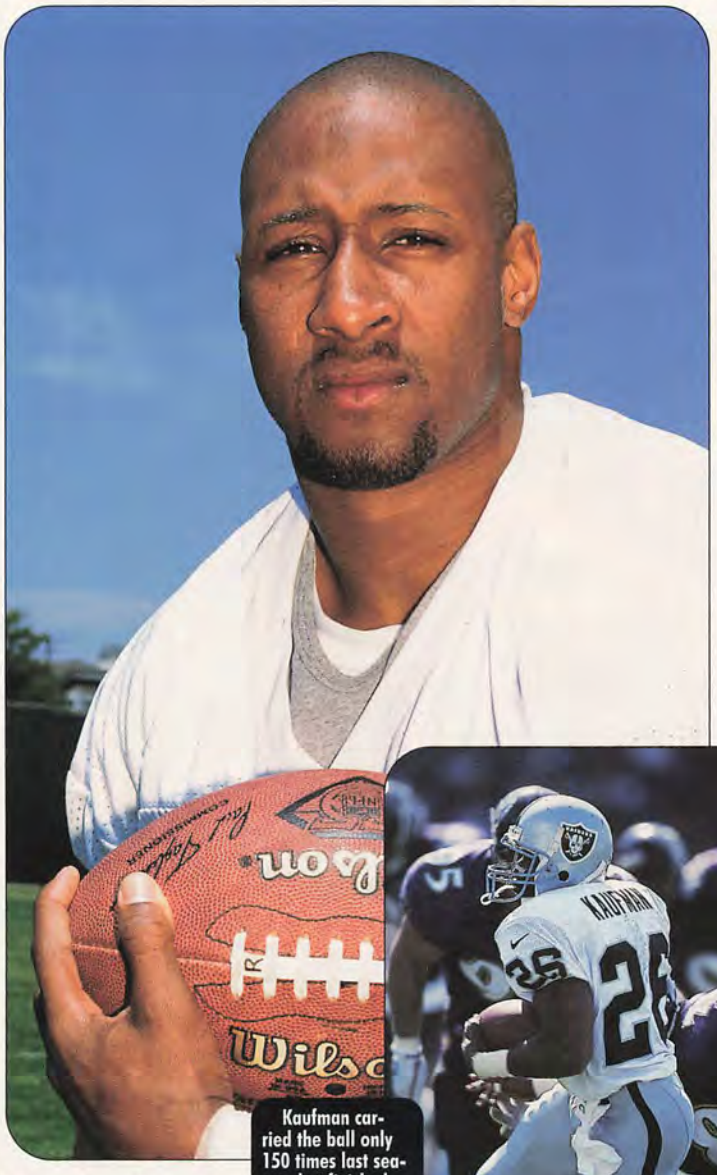
Even though Kaufman scored 37 touchdowns as a junior, some colleges shied away from him because of low grades and entrance-examination scores. He continued to work hard, however, and by the time he was a senior, even a sprained ankle did not prevent him from being heavily recruited by Washington, Southern California, Nebraska, Colorado, and Arizona. He finished high school with 5,151 yards rushing and 86 touchdowns, the second-best mark in California prep history.

"I remember Napoleon his sophomore year at Lompoc High School," says Greg Robinson, defensive coordinator of the Denver Broncos. "I saw him in a playoff game. I was recruiting for UCLA at the time. He took the opening kickoff and went about 90 yards for a touchdown. And he just had an incredible game. You could see this guy was talented. I went back to our recruiting coordinator and said, 'We better get up to Lompoc because a sophomore up there is pretty darn good.'

"The moment I saw this guy was with the Raiders, I knew we would have our hands full. He is a tough kid, as well as talented."

Raiders tackle Lincoln Kennedy is a believer in Kaufman, too. It was Kennedy who gave Kaufman his first tour of the University of Washington. It must have been quite a sight: the 6-6, 325-pound Kennedy, then a college sophomore, walking Kaufman, the small recruit, around Seattle. As Kaufman developed into Washington's all-time leading rusher (4,041 yards) and all-purpose yardage leader (5,658), he bonded with Kennedy.

"I can't remember the name of the cartoon, but there was this little dog jumping around this big dog," Kennedy says. "The little dog is saying things like, 'What are we going to do today? Where do you want to go now?' That's sort of like me and Napoleon. He's jumping around, and I'm just straight forward. Napoleon has all this bounce-around energy."

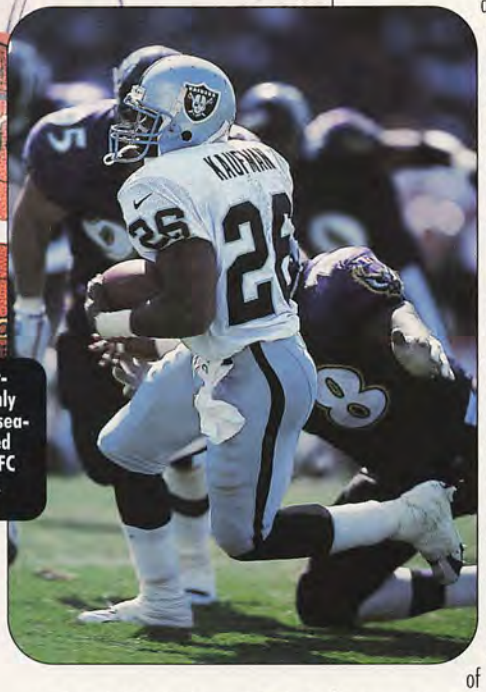


Kaufman carried the ball only 150 times last season, but finished eighth in the AFC with 874 yards.

Still, there was a time when even Kennedy wondered if Kaufman could make it at a higher level because of his size. It is an issue that has haunted Kaufman all his life: He was barely 140 pounds when Robinson first spotted him at Lompoc.

"The speed was definitely a given," Kennedy says. "But as far as durability, I wondered how long the little guy was going to last carrying the ball. I have never seen a running back his size take the kinds of shots he does."

Even the Raiders, who selected Kaufman with the eighteenth pick of the 1995 draft, were reluctant to make him an every-down back. This year, however, he was anointed the starting tailback by new coach Joe Bugel.



Mitch Reibel

Kaufman led the Raiders and finished eighth in the AFC last season with 874 rushing yards despite carrying the ball only 150 times. Six of his runs went for more than 30 yards, 10 went for more than 20 yards, and 28 went for more than 10 yards.

Robinson must face Kaufman and the Raiders twice each season in the tough AFC West.

"He's definitely tough to prepare for," Robinson says. "First of all, he has blazing speed. Second, for his size, pound for pound, he is a very strong guy. And tough. He is not afraid. Some guys that size are not great inside runners. This guy can take the ball inside and do that, and get the ball out on the perimeter. Because of that, you really have to be thorough in all your preparation because if you get out of position on him, he's going to make you look bad. There were several times last year where he took a five-yard play and turned it into a fifteen- or twenty-yard gain."

As the Raiders struggled to a 7-9 record last year, many observers wondered if Kaufman was being used enough. Kaufman constantly was peppered by the media regarding the subject, but Kaufman refused to criticize the Raiders' management.

Tracy Frankel

"That's just the way I was taught, from Coach Barrett on down," Kaufman says. "Just go to work and do your job and do what you have to do. A lot of times, players get caught up in trying to do somebody else's job. Then we end up looking like fools. So I just come down here and do my job and just try to win. And that's what I'm all about. Just trying to win."

Kaufman spends much of his time with fullback Jerone Davison, an ordained minister, and says life finally has clarity since he and his new wife Nicole became born-again Christians last year. They are expecting their first child in November, and friends expect Kaufman to be the type of father that he didn't have. He has a natural affinity for children.

"I realized that in my life, it doesn't matter how much money you have, how many girls you have, how many cars you have. None of that stuff matters if you aren't walking with the Lord," Kaufman says. "That's what I realized. That's the main thing I want people to understand about me." ●

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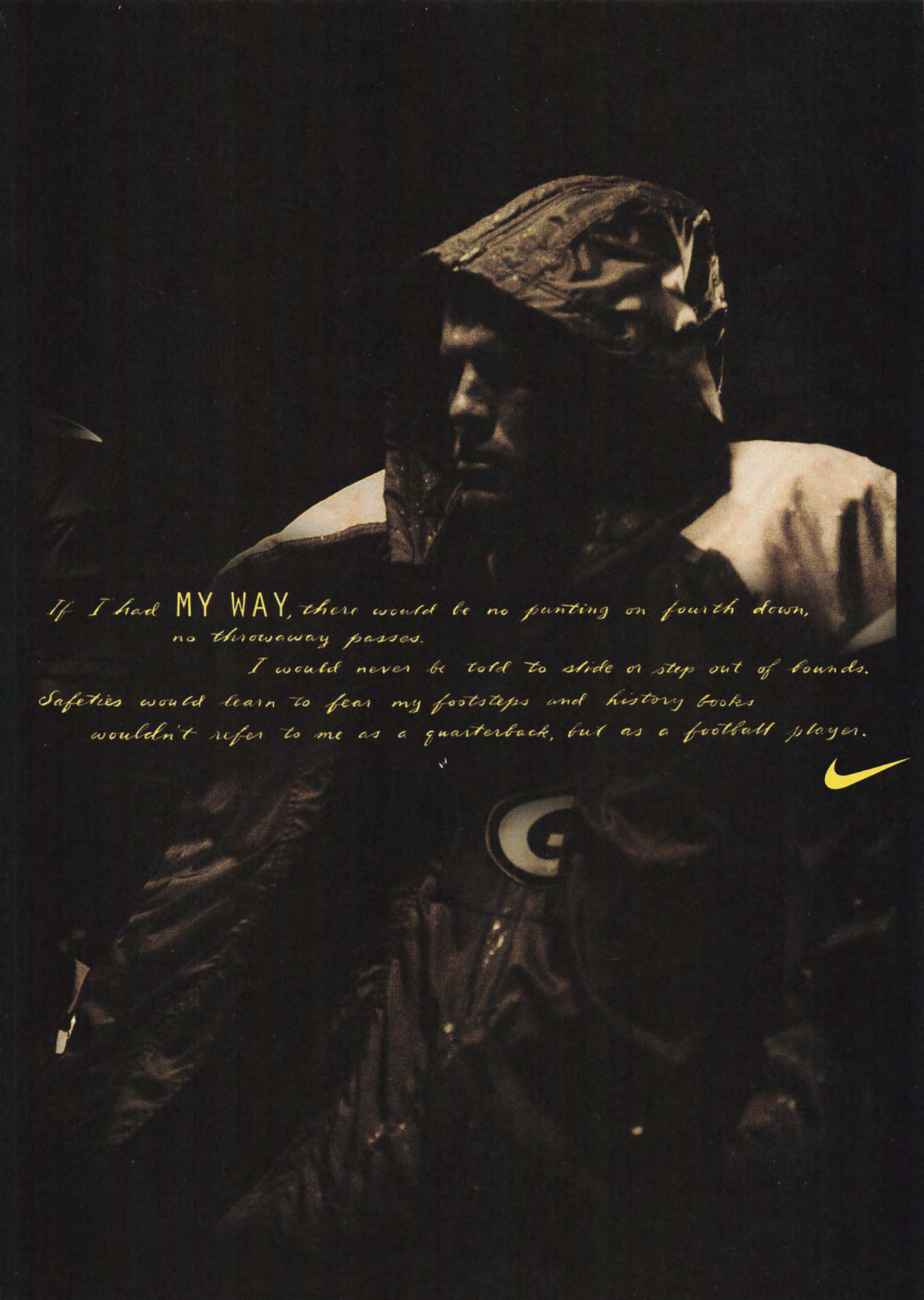
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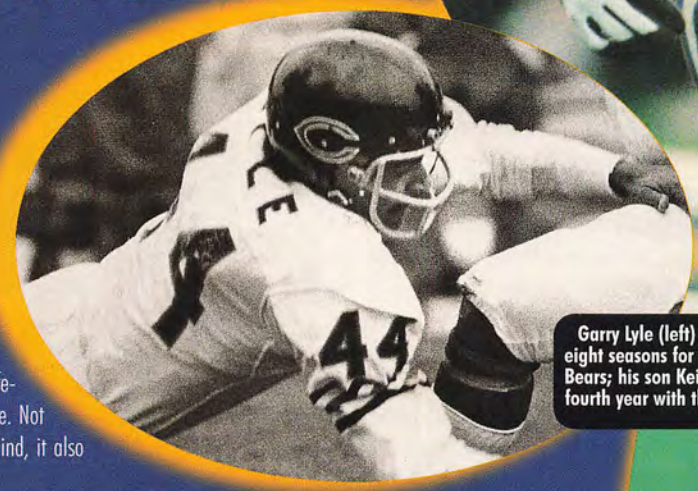
Like Father, Like Son

Rams Safety Keith Lyle Followed His Dad's Footsteps to the NFL

By Brian Peterson



Garry Lyle (left) played eight seasons for the Chicago Bears; his son Keith is in his fourth year with the Rams.

As a youngster, Keith Lyle was like a lot of other children: He dreamed of playing in the NFL. However, the St. Louis Rams' fourth-year safety had a distinct advantage. Not only was football in his mind, it also was in his genes.

Lyle's father, Garry, a standout athlete in high school and college, played wide receiver and cornerback for the Chicago Bears from 1967-1974. Garry, now an executive with Xerox, finished his NFL career with 12 interceptions, including a team-high 5 in 1973.

"I remember my second-grade teacher asking us what we wanted to be when we grew up," Keith Lyle says. "I said a pro football player, along with about nine or ten other kids.

"I don't know if I wanted to play pro football because my father had played in the NFL. But I did know my goal probably was more realistic than the other kids because I had a real-life example to follow."

"Only the few father-son combinations to play in the NFL can relate to what I experience every time Keith steps on the field," says Garry, who was a third-round draft choice out of George Washington University in 1967. "I get a special feeling. I probably perspire as much as he does when he plays. It's a dream come true to see one of yours do what you loved so much, and in some cases do it better than you."

Keith and his twin brother, Brian, were born April 17, 1972, in Washington, D.C. Although Garry had enjoyed being an NFL player, he was determined not to become an overzealous father who spent every moment of his sons' childhoods drilling them to become finely tuned athletes. Garry's hope was to let his children know that he was there if they ever needed advice or help, but he wasn't going to push them into anything they didn't want to do.

"What I tried to do was provide the environment for my kids to succeed, whether it was in football, basketball, school, or any other activity," Garry says. "I had a brother who followed me in high school, and he mainly was known as Garry's little brother. I think that bothered him a lot, having to live up to my athletic exploits.

"I would guess the same thing would be true with the sons of a former pro player. I just wanted to play with my kids and let them have fun growing up. When they wanted help in sports I was there to lend a hand, but I wanted them to make their own choices."

"It's not that my dad didn't talk with us about sports," Keith says. "But he did not get too specific on things. He liked to talk about our games, but he also wanted us to know that there were things in life more important than sports."

It was obvious from an early age that Keith and Brian were naturally talented athletes. Both excelled in

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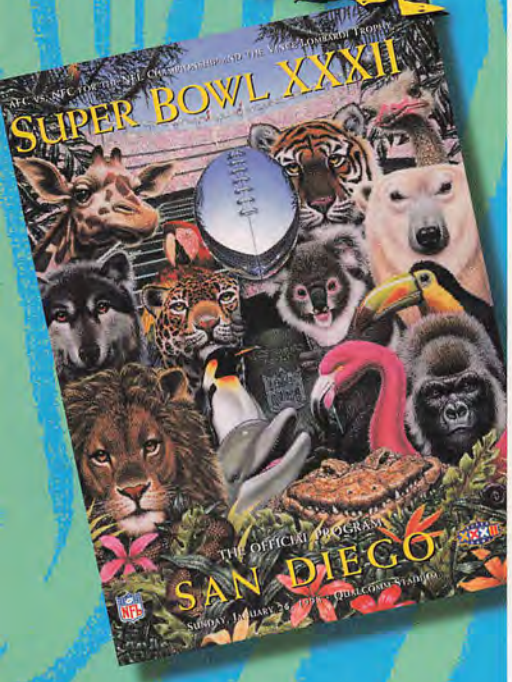

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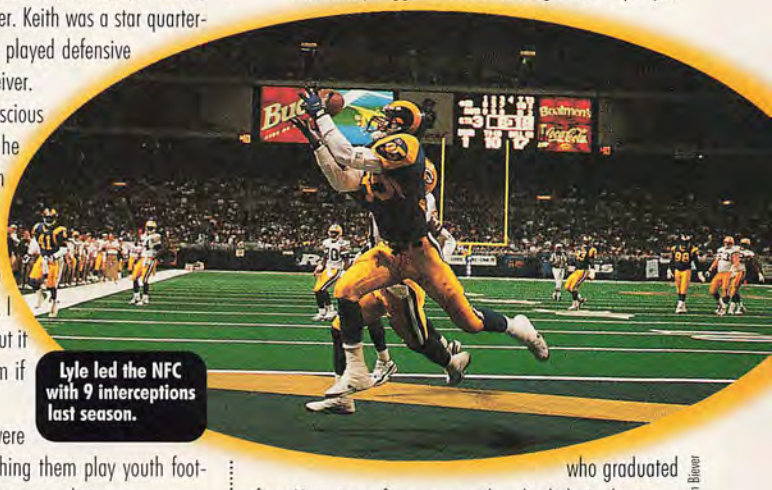
youth soccer and both were key members of the basketball team at George C. Marshall High School in Falls Church, Virginia.

In fact, Keith scored 32 points against South Lakes High, which featured future Duke and Detroit Pistons star Grant Hill. One of Keith's favorite moments from high school is when Brian defeated rival Madison High by scoring the game-winning basket on a spinning, off-balance shot with seconds remaining.

Keith and Brian were competitive growing up, but they also complemented each other. Keith was a star quarterback in high school (he also played defensive back). Brian was his top receiver.

"I think I was more conscious of what my brother did than he was about what I did," Keith says. "Brian was faster than me, but I always was able to find his weaknesses when we competed against each other. I usually looked for an edge, but it didn't matter as much to him if he beat me."



Lyle led the NFC with 9 interceptions last season.

Vernon Biever

"When Keith and Brian were about ten, I remember watching them play youth football," Garry says. "Late in the season their team was undefeated and hadn't been scored on. In one of their last games, an opposing running back broke free and looked as if he was going to score on a sixty-yard run.

"Keith, who didn't have blazing speed, came out of nowhere and caught the kid from behind. I knew right then that if Keith's skills continued to develop, he definitely had the determination to play professional sports."

Keith earned a football scholarship to the University of Virginia. Brian earned a football scholarship to the University of Richmond and followed his father's other career path—he works for Xerox.

When Keith first stepped onto the football field at Virginia, he wanted to play quarterback. But senior Shawn Moore, who would go on to play for the Denver Broncos, was entrenched as the Cavaliers' starter, and Matt Blundin, who eventually would be drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs, was Moore's anointed heir.

Lyle volunteered to play safety, and he wound up starting three years at the position. He finished his college career with 196 tackles and 15 interceptions. He was an All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection as a senior.

"I thought if I redshirted and sat out a year I'd lose my skills," Lyle says. "I was on such a roll coming out of high school, and I couldn't see myself sitting. I always felt I had more professional potential as a safety."

The Rams selected Lyle with the first of their three third-round draft choices in 1994. He was a special-teams standout in his rookie year, and also played as a Nickel defensive back. In 1995, he replaced Anthony Newman as the Rams' starting free safety and finished the year with 101 tackles and 3 interceptions.

Last year, Lyle led the NFC and tied for the league lead with 9 interceptions—the most by a Rams' defensive back since cornerback Monte Jackson led the league with 10 in 1976. In October, Lyle was named the NFC defensive player of the month after intercepting 4 passes, including 2 in a 17-14 victory over Jacksonville.

Against the Falcons in the next-to-last game, Lyle tied a club single-game record with 3 interceptions in St. Louis's 34-27 victory. His interception on the game's final play ended Atlanta's hopes and he also forced a fumble that led to a touchdown.

"I think my biggest asset is intelligence," says Lyle, who graduated from Virginia in four years with a bachelor's degree in psychology. "I study a lot of game film, analyzing how the quarterback moves and the type of formations our opponents run.

"I'm always looking to get better and do whatever it takes to help my team win. I want to make the big play, the big hit. I can't play and not give everything I have."

Lyle also puts a lot of effort into his life outside football. He tries to make as many charity appearances as possible, and is an avid chess player.

"Chess helps take my mind off football," Lyle says. "There are, however, a lot of similarities between chess and football. Chess is war. Both players have the same lineups, and you try to attack your opponent's weak spots. There is a lot of strategy in chess."

Ever since Lyle made it to the NFL, his father has taken great satisfaction in being able to share and relive a special time in his life with his son. About an hour after every Rams game, Keith calls Garry to discuss how he played.

"I've got NFL Sunday Ticket, and I see all of Keith's games," Garry says. "I never miss his calls after the game. Our time debriefing about the game is something I look forward to very much."

For Keith, playing in the NFL has meant more than just realizing a dream. He feels now he also can fully understand his father.

"Because I had a father who played, I felt that I needed to make it to his level to completely relate to him," he says. "I felt a great sense of accomplishment once I made it to the NFL. I feel like I've joined him in something that's very special.

"However, I don't feel like I'm playing in his shadow. I'm doing my own thing, making my own way." ●

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On January 16, 1995, Malcolm I. Glazer purchased the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the National Football League. Glazer currently serves as owner/president of the franchise.

In his first year as owner of the Buccaneers, Glazer displayed a strong and dedicated commitment toward building a winning and successful franchise. He allocated the resources which allowed the club to re-sign veteran free agents like two-time Pro Bowl linebacker Hardy Nickerson and standout offensive tackle Paul Gruber. The club's on-field improvement in '95 netted the franchise's best record in 14 years. Off the field, Glazer was the behind-the-scenes driving force that got the wheels turning in the construction of a state-of-the-art community stadium across from Tampa Bay's current home – Houlihan's Stadium.

Glazer's Buccaneers were named in 1995 as "The Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation of the Year" for the entire Tampa Bay area. Under Glazer's direction, the Buccaneer Grant Fund raised money for local charities over and above what the team donates directly to other worthy organizations.

In 1996, Glazer brought new Head Coach Tony Dungy to Tampa Bay and gave him an unprecedented six-year contract. Dungy's troops finished the season with victories in five of their final seven games including a franchise-best five consecutive wins at Houlihan's Stadium.

"Coach Dungy is as good as advertised," Glazer said. "We were very encouraged with the way the team came on at the conclusion of last season, and we are looking forward to even greater success this season. We are committed to being a first-class organization in all aspects of our operation. Our fans and opponents throughout the NFL will realize that very soon."

At the conclusion of the 1996 season, Glazer spearheaded massive changes at One Buc Place, the team's front-office and practice facility, which included 10,000-square-feet of new office space, a revamped season ticket purchasing operation, upgraded computers and more than 50 new employees working to make the Buccaneers one of the most respected organizations in the NFL.

Additionally, Glazer spent countless hours working to make the organization more fan-friendly, lowering ticket prices, and greatly expanding fan activities at Buccaneer home games with the formation of the club's new special events department. His mandate to increase player and coach visibility in the community was reflected in the more than 550 appearances made by Buccaneer players, coaches, and front office officials last year.

Glazer, a resident of Palm Beach, Florida, is president and chief executive officer of First Allied Corporation. First Allied serves as a holding company for Glazer's varied business interests. Mr. Glazer owns, controls, or is the largest shareholder of companies with $1.5 billion in sales which employ more than 17,000 people.

A true American success story, Glazer began working in his father's watch parts business at the age of eight. At the age of 15, Glazer's father died, and he assumed responsibility for the family business and expanded it.

Mr. Glazer owns a diverse portfolio of nationwide investments whose interests include restaurants, food service equipment, food packaging and foodservice supplies, marine protein, broadcasting, health care, real estate, banking, natural gas and oil production, stocks, government securities, and corporate bonds. He has been profiled in The New York Times and Forbes Magazine which stated that Glazer has "an eye for value."

Malcolm Glazer owns Houlihan's Restaurant Group, Inc. Houlihan's is one of the nation's largest casual dining restaurant chains. Houlihan's owns approximately 100 restaurants in 23 states (including Houlihan's, Darryl's and the Buena Vista Café) and franchises an additional 30 Houlihan's in 11 states and Puerto Rico.

Mr. Glazer owns 45% of Zapata Corporation and is the chairman of the board. Founded by former President George Bush in 1954, Zapata is a diversified Houston-based international company with extensive marine protein holdings. Zapata also owns 41% of Envirodyne Industries, Inc., a premier worldwide producer of food packaging and foodservice supplies. Glazer also sits on Envirodyne's Board of Directors.

Mr. Glazer also owns 45% of Specialty Equipment Companies, Inc., and is the company's largest shareholder and a member of the Board of Directors. Specialty Equipment is a leading manufacturer of food service equipment and is a leading supplier of equipment to McDonald's Restaurants and other fast food restaurant chains worldwide. Specialty Equipment is also the world's leading designer and manufacturer of soft serve ice cream and shake machines through its Taylor Division. Specialty's Beverage-Air Division is a leading manufacturer of commercial refrigeration equipment for soft drink bottling and its World Dryer Division is the global leader in the manufacture of wall-mounted hand dryers.

Glazer's philanthropic and charitable activities have included significant involvement with the American Cancer Society, Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, United Jewish Appeal and the Jewish Guild for the Blind. Glazer has also been a benefactor for such worthwhile causes as the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Cystic Fibrosis, the American Heart Association, the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, the Leukemia Society, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, the March of Dimes, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Jewish Home for the Aged and Junior Achievement.

Born in Rochester, New York, Glazer and his wife, Linda, have six children: Avram, Kevin, Bryan, Joel, Ed, and Darcie. •

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Bryan Glazer

Executive Vice-President

Originally one of the key figures in the negotiations which ultimately led to his family's purchase of the franchise, Bryan Glazer has been instrumental in creating the new image of the Buccaneers.

Glazer also works closely with the club's marketing, communications, and special events directors in all phases of the club's off-field operations. Glazer worked closely with designers from NFL Properties in New York and Los Angeles for more than two years developing the new logo concept, colors and design which perfectly complement the new hard-hitting on-field image of the 1997 Buccaneers. This hard work paid off when an estimated 15,000 fans showed up for the official unveiling of the new uniforms at the Tampa Convention Center.

Along with his brother Joel, Bryan oversees the day-to-day operation of the entire franchise, including financial operations, marketing, ticketing, premium seat and luxury suite sales. Futhermore, Glazer represents the Buccaneers at all National Football League meetings.

Bryan was one of the leading negotiators in the club's successful bid to build a new community stadium. As a member of the Tampa Bay Super Bowl Task Force, Glazer was instrumental in bringing Super Bowl XXXV to Tampa Bay in 2001. In addition, Bryan is currently overseeing the final plans for the Buccaneers' new training facility slated for completion in 1998.

Community involvement is a priority for the 32-year-old Glazer. In addition to the countless appearances Bryan makes throughout the Tampa Bay area, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center.

A native of Rochester, Glazer earned his bachelor's degree in broadcast communications from American University in 1986. Glazer also received his law degree from Whittier College School of Law in 1989, and is a member of the Florida Bar Association. ●

Joel Glazer

Executive Vice-President

Entering his third season with the team, Joel Glazer has been one of the driving forces behind the "new" Buccaneers. Glazer was originally one of the key figures in the negotiations which ultimately led to his family's purchase of the franchise.

Glazer, along with his brother Bryan, oversees the day-to-day operations of the entire franchise, including financial management, marketing, ticketing, premium seat and luxury suite sales. In addition, Glazer represents the Buccaneers at all National Football League meetings.

Glazer was one of the lead negotiators in the club's successful efforts to gain approval for the construction of a new community stadium. From the beginning, Glazer has overseen every aspect of the construction and design of the new stadium, ensuring that, upon its completion, the new Buccaneer venue will be the premier sports facility in the United States. In addition, Glazer is currently overseeing the final plans for the Buccaneers' new training facility slated for completion in 1998.

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Placing a high priority on customer relations, Glazer led the off-season effort to expand the Buccaneers' staff in all areas of operation. Under his guidance, the Buccaneers replaced their aging ticketing system with a new state-of-the-art computer system that will ensure an immediate response to any inquiries from the team's fans.

Since moving to Tampa in 1995, Glazer has been very active in the community making countless personal appearances for various organizations throughout the Tampa Bay area. Joel is also a member of the Tampa Bay Super Bowl Task Force that succeeded in bringing Super Bowl XXXV to the Tampa Bay area.

Glazer (30) earned his bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from The American University in 1989. A native of Rochester, New York, he now lives in Tampa. ●

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Edward Glazer

Executive Vice-President

Edward Glazer, who is entering his first season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, will work closely with his brothers Bryan and Joel Glazer in all aspects of the club's daily operations.

Glazer, who joined the club during the 1997 off-season, is working extensively on special projects involving the completion of the new community stadium and training facility currently under construction. He will also provide assistance in financial matters involving the stadium, luxury suties and club seats.

Glazer shares his family's deep commitment and desire to provide the Tampa Bay community with a championship franchise in a state-of-the-art stadium and training facility, both of which will be completed by the start of the 1998 season.

In addition to his new duties with the Buccaneers, Glazer is vice president of acquisitions and financing for the First Allied Corporation, the holding company for the Glazer family's varied business interests. At First Allied, Edward Glazer was instrumental in the expansion of the company's real estate portfolio in Washington, D.C.

Glazer, 27, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Zapata Corporation, a New York Stock Exchange corporation which was founded by former President George Bush.

Born in Rochester, New York, Glazer earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Ithaca College in 1992. He and his wife Shari live in Tampa. ●

Rich McKay

General Manager

Entering his third full season as the club's general manager is Richard McKay. McKay, who was named general manager of the Buccaneers on November 8, 1994, oversees the entire football administrative operation and negotiates all player contracts. He also supervises the club's college and pro personnel departments as well as the team's involvement in the NFL Draft, the waiver wire, trades, and free agency.

In 1994, NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue appointed McKay to the league's prestigious Competition Committee which studies the game and makes rule modifications that promote competitiveness and ensure player safety.

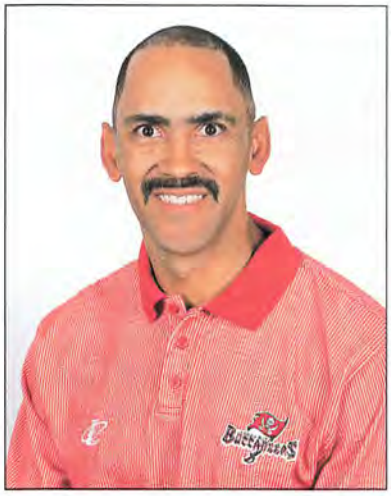
McKay has been the architect behind the club's last three drafts which have produced DT Warren Sapp, LB Derrick Brooks, DE Regan Upshaw, DT Marcus Jones, FB Mike Alstott, CB Donnie Abraham, RB Warrick Dunn, and WR Reidel Anthony. McKay maneuvered the club into position to draft Alstott in the second round of the 1996 Draft by trading 1995 third-round selection Harold Bishop for a 1996 second-round pick. Alstott responded by leading the club in receptions (65) and receiving yards (557) en route to becoming the NFC's leading rookie receiver and a Pro Bowl alternate.

McKay joined the Buccaneer franchise in 1992 and served as the club's Vice President/Football Administration, handling many of his present-day responsibilities.

Prior to coming to the Buccaneers on a full-time basis, McKay was an attorney with the Tampa Bay firm of Hill, Ward, and Henderson, joining them in 1986. While in that position, he served as the team's legal counsel for six years. He is regarded as one of the nation's leading experts on facility leases and has represented a number of professional sports teams on stadium issues regarding acquisitions, financing, and facility leases. McKay also played a key role in securing the new community stadium in Tampa that will serve as the new home of the Buccaneers during the 1998 season and for the next thirty years and will be the site for Super Bowl XXXV in 2001.

McKay earned a bachelor's degree with honors from Princeton University in 1981 then went on to graduate from from Stetson's College of Law in 1984. He clerked for two years for Tampa U.S. District Judge William Terrell Hodges.

McKay is the son of legendary coach John McKay, who won four national championships at the University of Southern California and was the first head coach in Buccaneer history (1976-84). Born March 16, 1959 in Eugene, Oregon, he grew up in Los Angeles and Tampa, graduating from Tampa's Jesuit High School where he was the football team's starting quarterback. McKay and his wife, Terrin, have two sons, Hunter (7/20/88) and John (9/24/92). The family resides in Tampa. ●



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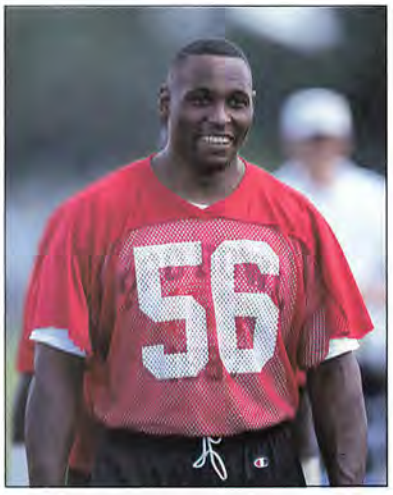

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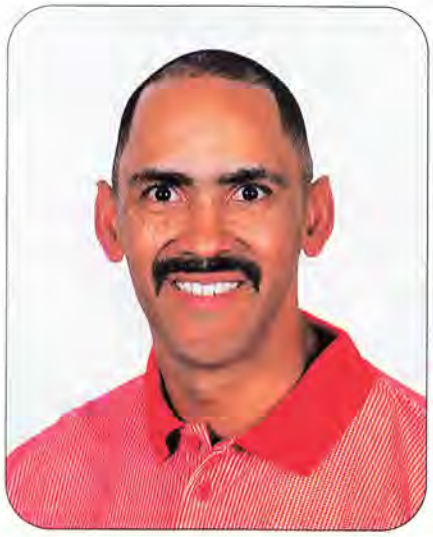

Tony Dungy was named head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on January 22, 1996. Eleven months later, he guided his club to victories in five of their final seven games including a franchise-record five consecutive victories at Houlihan's Stadium. The strong finish gave Buccaneer fans reason to believe that winning seasons, playoff appearances, and the organization's ultimate goal - the Super Bowl - is on the way.

"Hiring Tony Dungy as our head coach was a great move for our entire organization and for our fans," said Owner/President Malcom Glazer. "From all of our research and from firsthand information, we found that Tony is not only one of the finest coaches in the National Football League, but that he is also one of the finest people in the league, as well."

Buccaneer fans found out what kind of football coach Dungy is last season when his team stumbled out of the blocks with an 0-5 record before recording their first victory of the season and Dungy's first as an NFL head coach - a 24-13 triumph over the Minnesota Vikings on October 13.

"As a coaching staff, we never hit the panic button," Dungy said. "We kept telling our guys that we were close to winning some games and that our system was going to work and produce wins. All the coaches and players continued to work hard, and things sort of picked up for us at the end of the season. We're looking to build upon our success during the 1997 season. We can play a lot better, and we will."

Dungy, known throughout the National Football League as one of the brightest defensive coaches in pro football, oversaw a defensive unit that held seven straight opponents to 17-points or less during one late-season stretch. His aggressive defenses have been known for takeaways and scoring touchdowns. In his last 14 seasons, his units have scored an amazing 48 defensive TDs. In fact, since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger, only nine teams have scored as many as seven defensive touchdowns in a season and four of those have come under Dungy's guidance.

When Dennis Green became the Minnesota Vikings' head coach in 1992, he named Dungy as his defensive coordinator. In his four seasons with the Vikes, his defenses intercepted an NFL-best 95 passes as the team qualified for post season play three times. In 1995, Dungy's troops racked up impressive statistics. The Vikes finished second in the NFL in takeaways with 40, ranked second in the league in interceptions with 25, ended up fourth in the NFL against the rush and were tied for first in the NFC and fourth in the NFL in sacks with 44.

Dungy directed another successful defensive effort for the Vikings in 1994 despite having fewer first round picks (one) than any other playoff defense. Minnesota ranked first in the NFL in defensive TDs with seven, first in the league in run defense, was fifth in the NFL in total defense, tied for first in the NFC in fumble recoveries with 16, fourth in the conference in takeaways with 34 and tied for fifth in the NFC with 36 sacks. The Vikings' league-best 68.1 rushing yards allowed per game was the fourth-best in NFL history and the top league mark in 30 years (Buffalo 65.2 in 1964). Three of the four NFC Defensive Players of the Month for the '94 campaign were Vikings. CB Anthony Parker established a new NFL record with a defensive touchdown in three consecutive games while CB Dewayne Washington tied a league rookie record with three defensive scores for the season.

In 1993, under the direction of Dungy, the Vikes boasted the NFL's number one ranked defense (275.3 yards per game). Minnesota was also the league's only team to rank in the top six defenses against both the run and the pass. Only the defenses of the Vikings, Oilers and Jets produced more than one shutout in '93. Dungy's corps also led the NFC and ranked second in the NFL in interceptions with 24, was third in the NFC in takeaways with 34, paced the league in fewest first downs permitted (259), was number one in highest percentage of opponents' passes intercepted (5%) and finished fourth in the conference in sacks with 45.

In his first year with Minnesota (1992), Dungy's defense had five new starters yet still led the NFL in interceptions with 28, ranked first in the NFC and second in the NFL with 42 takeaways, tied for the league lead in defensive touchdowns with eight (NFL's best total in eight years), and tied for third in the NFL in sacks with 51. Additionally, the Viking defense was second in the league in yards allowed per play (4.5), finished first in the NFL in fewest yards allowed per pass play, had the NFL's lowest percentage of TD passes allowed (2.4%), finished third in the league in fewest TDs allowed with 23, ranked eighth in the NFL in total defense and was seventh in the NFL against the pass. Four Viking defensive players were selected to participate in the Pro Bowl.

From 1989-91, Dungy was the defensive backs coach for the Kansas City Chiefs under Head Coach Marty Schottenheimer. In 1989, the Chiefs finished

first in the AFC and second in the NFL in pass defense while the club qualified for the playoffs in 1990 and '91. From 1989-90, Kansas City allowed both the second fewest completions in the NFL (503 behind Minnesota's 470) and the league's second lowest completion percentage (51.2% behind Philadelphia's 48.5%). Under Dungy's guidance, CBs Albert Lewis and Kevin Ross were two-time Pro Bowl selections.

Dungy's first NFL coaching stop was with the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1981-88. In '81, he became the youngest assistant coach in the NFL (25) when he joined the Steelers as a defensive assistant. From 1982-83, Dungy served as Pittsburgh's defensive backs coach, tutoring such Steeler stars as Mel Blount and Donnie Shell. In 1983, the Steelers' secondary permitted just seven touchdown passes in 16 games. In '84, Dungy became the youngest coordinator in the NFL when, at the age of 28, the Steelers tabbed him to run their defense. Pittsburgh's "D" ranked among the league's top six in each of his first two seasons as coordinator and, in his five years in that position, his defenses averaged 24 interceptions and 37 takeaways per season while scoring 20 touchdowns (including a league-best seven in 1987).

Dungy began his coaching career in 1980 at the age of 24 when he served as the defensive backs coach at the University of Minnesota (his alma mater).

As a player, Dungy was a quarterback at the University of Minnesota from 1973-76. He finished his Golden Gopher career as the school's all-time leader in pass attempts (576), completions (274), passing yards (3577) and touchdown passes (25). Dungy also rushed 413 times for 1,345 yards and 16 touchdowns. A two-time team Most Valuable Player, Dungy played in the East-West Shrine Game, the Hula Bowl and the Japan Bowl. At the time he completed his college career, he ranked fourth in Big Ten history in total offense behind Mike Phipps, Archie Griffin and Bob Griese. As a junior, he established a single-season school record with 15 TD passes while leading the Big Ten and ranking fifth nationally in both total offense and passing. As a freshman, Dungy played for the 1973-74 Gophers varsity basketball team, averaging 2.6 points per game before ultimately playing football only. He earned a B.A. in business administration.

Following his UM career, Dungy signed as a free agent with the Steelers in May, 1977. In training camp, he was converted from quarterback to wide receiver to safety, and he impressed the Pittsburgh coaching staff sufficiently to become the first free agent to make the team's final roster in two years. Dungy appeared in 14 games as a rookie and notched three interceptions. In a '77 game against the Houston Oilers, Steeler QBs Terry Bradshaw and Mike Kruczek were both injured and Dungy completed three of eight passes for 43 yards and rushed three times for eight yards. He had the unusual experience of making an interception and throwing one in the same game.

In 1978, Dungy played in all 16 games and, despite starting just two contests, ranked second in the AFC with six interceptions. He saved the Steelers' 15-9 victory over the Cleveland Browns with an end zone interception on the game's final play which he returned 65 yards. Dungy played in the Steelers' 35-31 victory over the Dallas Cowboys in Super Bowl XIII. During training camp in 1979 (8/21), Dungy was traded to the San Francisco 49ers in exchange for a 1980 tenth-round draft choice. He participated in 15 games for the 49ers in '79. Prior to the 1980 campaign (3/27), Dungy was dealt to the New York Giants along with RB Mike Hogan in exchange for WR Jimmy Robinson and CB Ray Rhodes (current head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles).

Dungy has been active in community affairs in all of the cities that he has coached. Two of the organizations that he has worked very closely with include Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Allegheny County Foster Care Center (Pittsburgh).

Born Anthony Kevin Dungy on October 6, 1955 in Jackson, Michigan, he graduated from Parkside High School in Jackson. He and his wife, Lauren, have three children including daughter Tiara (12/28/84), and sons James (1/6/87) and Eric (1/12/92). ●

COACH DUNGY AT A GLANCE

1973-76	University of Minnesota, player
1977-78	Pittsburgh Steelers, player
1979	San Francisco 49ers, player
1980	University of Minnesota, Defensive Backs Coach
1981	Pittsburgh Steelers, Defensive Assistant Coach
1982-83	Pittsburgh Steelers, Defensive Backs Coach
1984-88	Pittsburgh Steelers, Defensive Coordinator
1989-91	Kansas City Chiefs, Defensive Backs Coach
1992-95	Minnesota Vikings, Defensive Coordinator
1996	Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Head Coach

DUNGY'S NFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G-S	TACK.	ASST.	TOTAL	FUM. REC.	FUM. FOR.	INT.	YDS.
1977	Pittsburgh	14-0	12	5	17	0	0	3	37
1978	Pittsburgh	16-2	18	4	22	2	2	6	95
1979	San Francisco	15-8	20	0	20	1	0	0	0
3-YEAR TOTALS		**45-10**	**50**	**9**	**59**	**3**	**2**	**9**	**132**

ADDITIONAL STATS

Rushing: 3 for 8 yds. in 1977
Passing: 3 of 8 for 43 yds., 2 ints. in 1977

BUCCANEER ALL-TIME COACHES' RECORDS

(Regular Season Only)

YEAR	HEAD COACH	W-L-T
1976-84	John McKay	44-88-1
1985-86	Leeman Bennett	4-28-0
1987-90 (a)	Ray Perkins	19-41-0
1990-91 (b)	Richard Williamson	4-15-0
1992-95	Sam Wyche	23-41-0
1996	Tony Dungy	6-10-0

(a) First 13 games of 1990 (b) Last 3 games of 1990

WQYK In Sixth Season as Bucs' Flagship Station

Gene Deckerhoff

David Logan

For the seventh consecutive year, WQYK-FM (99.5) will serve as the flagship station for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Radio Network. WQYK broadcasts all Buccaneer games in stereo with a 100,000-watt signal that blankets the Tampa Bay area. In addition, WQYK will again simulcast Buccaneer football on its AM affiliate, 50,000-watt WQYK (1010 Talks).

For the past seven years, WQYK has been the top-rated radio station in the Tampa Bay market. The station has consistently been an industry leader and has also been an active corporate participant in the Tampa Bay community. This season, WQYK's coverage will again include the pre-game show along with a post-game report.

Handling the play-by-play duties for the ninth straight season is Gene Deckerhoff. Considered one of the nation's premier play-by-play announcers, Deckerhoff has also served as the voice of Florida State football and basketball for the past 18 years. He is the former play-by-play man for the USFL's Tampa Bay Bandits and also served as the sports director for WCTV-TV in Tallahassee. Deckerhoff is a five-time recipient of the Florida Sportscaster of the Year award.

Joining Deckerhoff in the booth as the color analyst will be former Buccaneer David Logan who is in his seventh season in that role. Logan played nose tackle during a successful career with the Buccaneers (1979-86) and Packers (1987), and ended his playing days with a streak of 103 consecutive starts. Ranked as one of the NFC's top nose tackles, Logan was an All-Pro and All-NFC selection in 1984. Since ending his career as an active player, he has worked as a Tampa network affiliate sportscaster and continues to work for CBS-TV, Jefferson-Pilot and the Sunshine Network.

Jeff Ryan will again serve as the pre-game and halftime host, as well as producer for the broadcasts on the Buccaneer Radio Network. A native of Chicago, Ryan has been with WQYK since 1976.

Following is a list of radio stations on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Network in 1997:

1997 RADIO AFFILIATES

Brooksville	WWJB,	1450 AM
Crystal River	WXCV,	95.3 FM
Englewood	WENG,	1530 AM
Ft. Pierce	WYFX,	1400 AM
Gainesville	WRRX,	97.7 FM
Lakeland	WLKF,	1430 AM
Leesburg	WLBE,	790 AM
Live Oak	WQHL,	1250 AM
Melbourne	WMEL,	920 AM
Orlando	WINZ,	740 AM
Ormond Beach	WELE,	1380 AM
Sarasota	WCTQ,	92.1 FM
Tallahassee	WTAL,	1450 AM
Venice	WCTQ,	92.1 FM
Wauchula	WZZS,	106.9 FM

Tampa Bay Buccaneers 1997 Coaching Staff

Mark Asanovich
Strength & Conditioning Coach

Mark Asanovich begins his third NFL season and second as strength and conditioning coach for the Buccaneers. Asanovich, 38, who joined the Bucs last season after spending the 1995 campaign as the assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Minnesota Vikings, oversees all aspects of Tampa Bay's strength and conditioning program which includes the team's extensive four-month off-season workout program.

Prior to joining the Vikings, Asanovich worked from 1987-95 as the strength and conditioning coach at Anoka (Minn.) High School. During his tenure there, the school captured state football championships in 1990 and 1994. Asanovich came to Anoka after spending 1986 in a similar capacity at The Citadel.

In 1984, Asanovich was hired as a graduate assistant coach at Ohio State as the Buckeyes won the Big Ten title and played in the Rose Bowl that season. Asanovich was promoted to assistant strength and conditioning coach at Ohio State the following year .

While in Minnesota, Asanovich was a member of the Governor's Council for Health and Physical Fitness and also was on the Executive Board of the Minnesota Association of Physical Education, Health, Exercise, Recreation, and Dance. He was also one of the first 15 coaches certified by the National Strength Conditioning Association.

Asanovich earned his bachelor's degree in special education from St. Cloud State and his master's in strength training and athletic conditioning from Ohio State.

A native of Duluth, Minnesota, Asanovich played guard and linebacker at the city's East High School. He is single and resides in Clearwater.

Clyde Christensen
Tight Ends Coach

Clyde Christensen was named as the Buccaneers' tight ends coach on February 1, 1996. Christensen joined the Bucs after spending the previous 16 years in a variety of coaching positions on the collegiate level.

In his first season with the Bucs, he oversaw the development of a tight end corps that featured rising star Jackie Harris and steadily emerging backup Dave Moore. In 1996, the two tight ends combined to catch 57 passes for 586 yards and four touchdowns.

Before coming to Tampa, the 39-year-old Christensen spent two years (1994-95) as the co-offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Clemson. From 1992-93, he served as the quarterbacks coach at Maryland where he tutored John Kaleo and current Buccaneer backup quarterback Scott Milanovich. Under Christensen's direction, Kaleo ranked second in the nation in total offense in 1992 while Milanovich finished fourth in 1993.

In 1991, Christensen served as running backs coach at South Carolina after spending 1989-1990 as an assistant coach at Holy Cross. While coaching the Crusaders, he oversaw the receivers and tight ends in '89 before being promoted to offensive coordinator for the '90 season. From 1986-88, Christensen was the offensive coordinator and was also in charge of recruiting at East Carolina.

Christensen oversaw the quarterbacks and wide receivers at Temple from 1983-85 after holding the position of offensive coordinator at East Tennessee State from 1980-82. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Mississippi in 1979.

As a player, Christensen was an All-America quarterback for Fresno City Junior College from 1975-76. He continued his collegiate career as a QB at North Carolina where he lettered for the Tar Heels from 1977-78 as they earned trips to the Peach Bowl and Liberty Bowl. Christensen earned his bachelor's degree in industrial relations from UNC.

Born January 28, 1958 in Corvina, California, Clyde and his wife, Debbie, reside in Tampa with their three daughters, Rachel (7/15/83), Rebecca (9/12/85) and Ruth (9/6/90).

Herman Edwards
Asst. Head Coach/Def. Backs Coach

When Buccaneer Head Coach Tony Dungy was looking for someone to tutor the team's defensive backs and to also assist him with various administrative functions, he knew he had to look no further than Herman Edwards. Dungy and Edwards have known each other since they played in the Hula Bowl and Japan Bowl college all-star games following the 1976 season.

In 1996, under Edwards' guidance, the Buccaneer pass defense rose from 16th in the league after the second week to fourth place by season's end. Tampa Bay defensive backs limited opposing offenses to an average of just 182.8 passing yards per game, the team's lowest mark since 1991 (179.5).

Edwards, 43, joined the Buccaneers after spending the past seven years in several different capacities with the Kansas City Chiefs. In 1995, he served as a pro scout in the Chiefs' player personnel department. From 1992-94, he was the team's defensive backs coach and was credited with the development of Dale Carter (AFC Defensive Rookie of the Year in '92) and Charles Mincy while also coaching Pro Bowlers Kevin Ross and Albert Lewis. In each of Edwards' three seasons as the Chiefs' DBs coach, the team ranked in the NFL's top three in takeaways and in the top ten in pass defense.

From 1990-91, Edwards was a talent scout for the Chiefs while also spending training camps as an assistant to Dungy who was then K.C.'s defensive backs coach. Edwards initially worked for the Chiefs in the summer of 1989 as the recipient of the team's Minority Coaching Fellowship. He began his coaching career at San Jose State as the Spartans' defensive backs coach from 1987-89.

As an NFL player, Edwards played ten seasons including nine with the Philadelphia Eagles (1977-85). Undrafted following his college career, he was signed as a free agent by current Chiefs' President/General Manager Carl Peterson who was then the Eagles' Director of Player Personnel. As a rookie cornerback, Edwards started the first pre-season game and then proceeded to start all 135 games during his nine-year Eagle tenure. He earned Second Team All-NFC honors in 1980 and 1982, and played for the Eagles in Super Bowl XV (27-10 loss to Oakland Raiders).

However, Edwards is best remembered for recovering a fumble by New York Giant QB Joe Pisarcik and returning it 26 yards for a touchdown with 31 seconds remaining in Philadelphia's 19-17 "Miracle in the Meadowlands" (11/19/78). He left Philly with 33 career interceptions which ranks third on the team's all-time list behind Bill Bradley and Eric Allen (34). Including post-season play, his 38 interceptions are an Eagle record. Edwards' final NFL season came in 1986 when he played four games for the Los Angeles Rams and three for the Atlanta Falcons before announcing his retirement during the season (11/11).

Edwards began his college career at Cal-Berkeley and played there in 1972 and '74, earning All-PAC 8 (now PAC 10) honors. He set a Golden Bear record with four interceptions in one game. In 1973, he played at Monterrey Peninsula Junior College. Edwards played his senior season at San Diego State where he received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

A native of Monmouth, New Jersey, Edwards grew up in Seaside, California. He has a son, Marcus (12/13/81), and resides in Tampa.

Chris Foerster
Offensive Line Coach

After working together on the Minnesota Vikings' staff, Chris Foerster (FUR-ster) was one of Head Coach Tony Dungy's first hirings when he was named the Buccaneers' offensive line coach on January 24, 1996. Foerster came to the Bucs after spending three years (1993-95) as an assistant coach for the Vikings.

In his first Tampa season, Foerster took over an offensive line unit that suffered various injuries to key personnel. Despite the fact that the unit's five starters played together in just one game, the Buc offensive line ranked 12th in the league in sacks allowed, surrendering just 30 takedowns.

Foerster joined the Vikes in 1993 as assistant offensive line coach and also helped with the tight ends in 1994. In 1996, he was promoted to tight ends/assistant offensive line coach by Minnesota Head Coach Dennis Green. In Foerster's three years with the Vikes, G Randall McDaniel was selected to three Pro Bowls. In '94, TE Andrew Jordan and T Todd Steussie were named as consensus all-rookie picks.

In 1992, prior to accepting his post with the Vikings, Foerster worked as the offensive line coach at the University of Minnesota under Head Coach Jim Wacker. That season, the Gophers set a school mark for completions while also leading the Big Ten in passing yards.

From 1988-91, Foerster tutored the offensive line at Stanford, working the last three years for then-Cardinal Head Coach Dennis Green. While Foerster was at Stanford, T Bob Whitfield developed into an All-America and 1992 first-round draft choice, and FB Tommy Vardell set a school career and single-season record for rushing TDs. Foerster began his college coaching career at Colorado State in 1983 as a graduate assistant. He was promoted to offensive line coach the following season and remained with the Rams through the 1987 campaign.

Foerster played center at Colorado State from 1979-82, originally as a walk-on before earning a starting job and a scholarship as a junior. In his senior year, the Rams set a school record for passing yards in a season. The previous year, Foerster was named as CSU's outstanding scholar-athlete. Foerster earned his bachelor's degree in history in Colorado State.

A native of Milwaukee, Foerster grew up in Tucson, Arizona where he earned all-city honors in football. He and his wife, Michelle, live in St. Petersburg with daughter Kathleen (8/9/88) and son Jake (12/6/91).

Monte Kiffin
Defensive Coordinator

Monte Kiffin enters his second Tampa Bay campaign as the team's defensive coordinator with one of the most talent-laden units in team history. Led by Pro Bowl linebacker Hardy Nickerson, the Buccaneer defense gelled into one of the league's

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most efficient units, finishing 1996 ranked 11th overall. Kiffin's one-gap defensive scheme proved to be tailor-made for defensive tackle Warren Sapp and the upstart Buc defensive line that recorded 35 QB takedowns.

The 57-year-old Kiffin came to Tampa Bay after spending the 1995 campaign as the defensive coordinator for the New Orleans Saints. In 1995, the Saints tied for fourth in the NFL in sacks with 44 as DT Wayne Martin led the team with 13. Just prior to coaching in New Orleans, Kiffin spent four seasons (1991-94) as an assistant coach for the Minnesota Vikings, serving as defensive coordinator for Head Coach Jerry Burns in 1991 and as inside linebackers coach for Head Coach Dennis Green and Defensive Coordinator Tony Dungy from 1992-94.

In 1990, Kiffin tutored the linebackers for the New York Jets under then-Head Coach Bruce Coslet and Defensive Coordinator Pete Carroll. Kiffin had his first tour of duty with the Vikings as the team's linebackers coach from 1986-89. In both '88 (255.7, 4.3) and '89 (261.5, 4.1), Minnesota was the league leader in both total defense and yards allowed per play.

From 1984-85, Kiffin coached the linebackers for the Buffalo Bills, overseeing players like Darryl Talley and Jim Haslett who later coached with Kiffin in New Orleans. Kiffin's first professional coaching job came in 1983 as the linebackers coach for the Green Bay Packers under then-Head Coach Bart Starr.

Kiffin was the head coach at North Carolina State from 1980-82, compiling a 16-17 record including 6-5 marks in 1981 and '82. From 1977-79, Kiffin was defensive coordinator for Lou Holtz at Arkansas while also serving as assistant head coach in '79.

Kiffin began his coaching career at Nebraska where he worked from 1966-76 under both Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne. NU captured national championships in both 1970 and '71. He was a defensive assistant from 1966-72 before being promoted to defensive coordinator.

As a player, Kiffin played both offensive and defensive tackle at Nebraska from 1959-63. Following graduation, he sat out the 1964 season due to a knee injury before playing defensive end for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League in 1965.

A native of Lexington, Nebraska, Kiffin was that state's High School Athlete of the Year in 1958. Monte and his wife, Robin, live in St. Petersburg. They have three children including daughter Heidi (9/5/68) and sons Lane (5/9/75) and Chris (1/19/82).

Aaron Komarek

Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach

Aaron Komarek begins his second season as the Buccaneers' assistant strength coach. Komarek assists Strength and Conditioning Coach Mark Asanovich with all areas of the Buccaneers' strength and conditioning program, including the team's four-month off-season workout schedule.

Before coming to Tampa Bay, the 26 year-old Komarek worked with Asanovich from 1993-95 as a strength and conditioning intern for the Minnesota Vikings and as a strength and conditioning coach for Minnesota's Anoka High School.

Komarek graduated with honors from the University of Minnesota in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology. The St. Paul, Minnesota native is a member of Florida's Expert Strength Council and served as Minnesota's Co-State Director of the National Strength & Conditioning Association in 1994. He is single and resides in Tampa.

Joe Marciano

Special Teams Coach

Only one other assistant coach on the Buccaneers' staff (Monte Kiffin) owns as much NFL coaching experience as Joe Marciano possesses. The outgoing Marciano came to Tampa Bay last season to coach the club's special teams. Over the past 11 years, he has earned respect throughout the NFL for his ability to coach this increasingly important phase of the game.

In 1996, Marciano's Tampa Bay unit provided some of the season's most memorable moments. Marciano's special teams techniques helped develop rookie Karl Williams into one of the league's most electrifying return men by season's end. Despite waiting until the last month of the season to assume primary return responsibilities, Williams recorded two of the three longest punt returns in franchise history. In addition, the Bucs paced the NFL in average opponent kickoff drive start (22.3) and ranked third in the league in opponent punt return average (6.5).

Marciano joined Tampa Bay after spending the past ten years as the special teams coach for the New Orleans Saints. For the first nine of those campaigns, he also coached the team's tight ends. During Marciano's New Orleans tenure, he coached three special teams players who were selected for the Pro Bowl (Morten Andersen, Tyrone Hughes, Bennie Thompson).

Marciano's first professional football job came as the special teams/tight ends coach for the Philadelphia/Baltimore Stars of the USFL. Marciano joined the Stars after spending 1982 as the tight ends/special teams coach at Temple.

In 1981, Marciano tutored the tight ends for Head Coach Joe Paterno at Penn State. Marciano also coached tight ends at Villanova (1980) and Rhode Island (1978-79). He began his college coaching career overseeing the tight ends at East Stroudsburg in 1977.

The 43-year-old Marciano was a quarterback at Temple where he earned his bachelor's degree in health and physical education. A native of Dunmore, Pennsylvania, he is an avid fisherman who has conducted various fishing tournaments and has appeared on numerous ESPN fishing shows. In 1993, Marciano was inducted into the Northeast Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. He is single and resides in Tampa.

Rod Marinelli

Defensive Line Coach

Perhaps no assistant on the Tampa Bay staff had more pressure placed on him last year than Defensive Line Coach Rod Marinelli. Marinelli inherited a unit composed of four first round picks (DE Eric Curry, DE Regan Upshaw, DT Warren Sapp and DT Marcus Jones). His high-energy approach led to vast improvement last season in a pass rush that yielded 35 sacks, including a team-high nine by Sapp, the unit's emerging star.

A veteran of 20 seasons as a college assistant coach, Marinelli came to Tampa Bay after spending the 1995 season as the defensive line coach at Southern Cal under Head Coach John Robinson. From 1992-94, Marinelli was the assistant head coach/defensive line for Head Coach Bruce Snyder at Arizona State. In 1993, three of his starting linemen earned All-PAC 10 honors.

From 1983-91, Marinelli coached the defensive line at Cal-Berkeley, adding assistant head coach to his title for his final two Golden Bear seasons. Snyder became the school's head coach in 1987. While at California, Marinelli coached several future NFLers including Chidi Ahanotu, Rhett Hall and Natu Tuatagaloa.

Marinelli's first coaching job came in 1976 from Snyder who was then the head coach at Utah State. From 1976-81, Marinelli oversaw the Aggies' defensive line before becoming USU's offensive line/special teams coach for the 1982 campaign. Marinelli began his coaching career at his alma mater, Rosemead High School in San Gabriel Valley, California, from 1973-75.

Marinelli played offensive and defensive tackle at Utah in 1968 before serving a one-year stint in Vietnam. He returned from the service and attended California Lutheran from 1970-72, earning NAIA All-America honors as an offensive tackle in '72.

Born July 13, 1949 in Rosemead, California, Rod and his wife, Barbara, reside in Tampa. The family includes daughters Christine (2/11/70) and Gina (8/8/81).

Tony Nathan

Running Backs Coach

After spending his entire 17-year career as an NFL player and coach with the Miami Dolphins, Tony Nathan now begins his second season as the Buccaneers' running backs coach. Known as a tough, clutch runner and receiver during his playing days, Nathan became a coach for Don Shula when he retired after the 1987 season.

In his first season as Tampa Bay's running backs coach, Nathan oversaw the rapid development of Mike Alstott in 1996. Alstott showcased his all-around abilities by leading the team in pass receptions (65) and average per rush (3.9). In 1997, Nathan will also be responsible for the progress of first-round pick Warrick Dunn, an electrifying runner with game-breaking speed.

From 1988-95, Nathan was an assistant coach for the Dolphins. Initially hired by Shula as a coaches' assistant, Nathan's responsibilities included breaking down game film and charting plays. In 1993, he was promoted to Miami's offensive backs coach. His coaching philosophy, which puts an emphasis on a back's ability to catch the ball as well as run with it, mirrors his own style during his playing days.

Nathan was a running back for Miami from 1979-87. In Dolphin history, he ranks fourth on the club's all-time list in rushing attempts (732), rushing yards (3,543) and receptions (383). He is also fifth in receiving yards (3,592), tied for ninth in scoring (198 points, 33 TDs), seventh in punt return yards (484) and ninth in kick return yards (1,133).

Perhaps the single play Nathan is most remembered for occurred in one of the NFL's greatest games, a 41-38 OT playoff loss to San Diego on January 2, 1982. Nathan scored on a 25-yard run following a lateral from WR Duriel Harris on the "hook and ladder" play.

As a collegian, Nathan starred at Alabama from 1975-78. In both his junior and senior seasons, the Crimson Tide posted an 11-1 record including a national championship in 1978. In his Alabama career, Nathan rushed for 1,997 yards on 310 carries with 29 touchdowns.

Born December 14, 1956 in Birmingham, Alabama, Nathan was a four-sport letterman at that city's Woodlawn High School. Tony and his wife, Johnnie, have three daughters including Francheria (7/8/80), Natalie (8/9/83) and Nadia (5/27/87).

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Kevin O'Dea
Defensive Assistant

Kevin O'Dea begins his second season as a defensive assistant on Head Coach Tony Dungy's staff. In his role with the Bucs, the 37-year-old O'Dea will works closely with Defensive Coordinator Monte Kiffin in preparing game plans, breaking down film of opponents' tendencies and producing scouting reports.

O'Dea joined the Buccaneers after spending the 1994-95 seasons in a similar role with the San Diego Chargers under Head Coach Bobby Ross. In his first San Diego season, O'Dea worked with the linebackers, then was primarily involved with the defensive backs in 1995. Prior to his stint in San Diego, O'Dea spent three years (1991-93) working for Joe Paterno at Penn State. In 1991, he was a graduate assistant coach working with the wide receivers before being promoted to assistant strength coach and also working with the defensive line (1992) and the linebackers (1993).

O'Dea also had a similar three-year stint at the University of Virginia from 1988-90. In 1987, O'Dea was the defensive backs coach at Cornell.

After a four-year term in the Coast Guard from 1979-83, O'Dea enrolled at Lock Haven University. He played defensive back and wide receiver for the Bald Eagles from 1983 until suffering a back injury during the 1985 season. He helped out coaching the receivers for the remainder of the '85 campaign, then served as the receivers coach in 1986 while still a student at the school.

O'Dea earned his bachelor's degree in fitness management from Lock Haven and also has a master's in sports medicine from Virginia. A native of Williamsport, Virginia, he is single and lives in Tampa.

Mike Shula
Offensive Coordinator

Mike Shula, one of the NFL's youngest offensive coordinators, begins his second season overseeing the Tampa Bay offense. The 1997 season is one filled with optimism as Shula will orchestrate an offense which features an array of skill position players featuring QB Trent Dilfer, RB Errict Rhett, TE Jackie Harris, and rookie top draft choices RB Warrick Dunn and WR Reidel Anthony.

The 32-year-old Shula joined the Buccaneers after spending the 1993-95 seasons as tight ends coach of the Chicago Bears. He assisted Bears Head Coach Dave Wannstedt and then Offensive Coordinator Ron Turner with the planning and implementation of the Bears' game plans.

Shula enters the 1997 season with the most offensive firepower in recent team history. Shula's influence on Dilfer began to show through in mid-season when the third-year player threw 11 TDs and compiled a 77.5 passer rating in the final 11 games. Dunn and Anthony, along with the return of a healthy WR Horace Copeland, are expected to inject game-breaking speed into Shula's offensive system which emphasizes the use of a two-back set.

From 1991-92, Shula was a coaches' assistant for the Miami Dolphins. In that role, he worked not only with the coaching staff but also assisted the player personnel department in pro scouting.

He began his coaching career with the Buccaneers as the NFL's youngest assistant (23), working as a coach on Head Coach Ray Perkins' staff from 1988-90. In his first two seasons, Shula was an offensive assistant before being promoted to quarterbacks coach for the 1990 campaign.

A quarterback as a player, Shula was a 12th round draft choice of the Bucs in 1987, but was waived in the final cut. He was later re-signed and finished the season with Tampa Bay.

Shula was a three-year starter for Perkins at Alabama, completing 298 of 552 passes (54.0%) for 3,881 yards, 33 touchdowns and 30 interceptions. He was a two-time All-Southeastern Conference selection and led the Crimson Tide to victories in the Aloha and Sun bowls in his final two seasons. As a junior, he became only the second Alabama quarterback ever to throw for over 2,000 yards in a single season (also Scott Hunter in 1969). Shula earned his bachelor's degree in labor relations from Alabama.

Born June 3, 1965 in Baltimore, Shula attended Columbus High School in Miami where he earned all-state honors and led his team to the state championship game as a senior. He is single and resides in Clearwater.

Lovie Smith
Linebackers Coach

The 1997 season marks Lovie Smith's second as the team's linebackers coach. Smith's very talented corps of linebackers is headed up by two-time Pro Bowler Hardy Nickerson and rising star Derrick Brooks. Nickerson earned his second postseason trip to Hawaii after recording 120 stops which was second to Brooks' team-best total of 133.

The 38-year-old Smith spent the 1995 season coaching defensive backs for John Cooper at Ohio State. Smith spent the 1993-94 campaigns in a similar capacity at Tennessee under Head Coach Phil Fulmer. In 1992, Smith coached the outside linebackers for Bill Curry at Kentucky.

From 1988-91, Smith oversaw the linebackers at Arizona State for Head Coach Larry Marmie who later served as Tennessee's defensive coordinator when Smith was at UT. Smith had joined the Sun Devils after spending 1987 as the linebackers coach at Wisconsin. His first college coaching position came at Tulsa (his alma mater). Smith coached linebackers for the Golden Hurricane from 1983-86 when Cooper was the head coach at TU.

As a player, Smith was a two-time All-America and three-time All-Missouri Valley Conference linebacker for Cooper at Tulsa. Smith enjoyed a spectacular high school career at Big Sandy in which he was named all-state on three occasions as his school captured three state championships.

A native of Big Sandy, Texas, Lovie and his wife, MaryAnne, have three sons, Mikal (11/16/76), a junior defensive back at Arizona, Matthew (8/26/86) and Miles (9/27/89). The family resides in Tampa.

Ricky Thomas
Offensive Assistant

Ricky Thomas became the only 1997 addition to the Buccaneers' coaching staff on April 11 when he was named the team's offensive assistant. Thomas will work closely with Offensive Coordinator Mike Shula in preparing game plans. His duties will also include film analysis of upcoming opponents and the production of scouting reports.

The 32-year-old Thomas comes to the Buccaneers after a short stint on the coaching staff at Gardner Webb University. He was named Gardner Webb's defensive backs coach on January 20 of this year after spending one season as a graduate assistant coach at the University of Kentucky. Thomas has also served as a volunteer coach during training camps for the Chicago Bears (1995) and Pittsburgh Steelers (1996).

Prior to joining Kentucky's staff, Thomas spent five years (1992-96) on the faculty at the McCallie School in Chattanooga, TN teaching human development and coaching the football, wrestling and track and field teams. During this time, he also completed his master's degree in secondary education at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

As a player, Thomas was a four-year starter at strong safety for the University of Alabama, where he earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education. Though not drafted, he joined the Seahawks' training camp in 1987 and made the team as a free agent rookie, appearing in one game. Thomas also went to training camp with the Indianapolis Colts in 1988.

Long associated with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Thomas served as that organization's co-president in 1985-86. A native of Niceville, Florida, Thomas and his wife, Kimberly, have two children, daughter Kaitlyn (3/24/93) and son Ricky, Jr. (12/25/96). The family has relocated to Tampa.

Charlie Williams
Wide Receivers Coach

Charlie Williams begins his second season as wide receivers coach of the Buccaneers. Williams returns a solid wide receiving corps that features Horace "Hi-C" Copeland, Robb Thomas, Karl Williams, and rookie first-round draft pick Reidel Anthony from the University of Florida. Williams' task will be to motivate his young group of wide receivers, most of whom are entering the prime of their careers.

Prior to coming to Tampa, Williams spent three years in a similar capacity at the University of Miami. With the 'Canes, he was instrumental in the development of their outstanding group of young receivers. In 1995, Williams was retained by new UM Head Coach Butch Davis after spending his first two Miami seasons working for Dennis Erickson.

Williams spent one year (1992) coaching the receivers at the University of Minnesota for Head Coach Jim Wacker. He had followed Wacker to UM from Texas Christian where he had spent the 1988-91 seasons coaching the Horned Frogs' wideouts. From 1986-87, Williams tutored the running backs at New Mexico State after serving as the defensive backs coach at Long Beach City College from 1984-85. He was a graduate assistant at Colorado State in 1981.

As a collegian, Williams played defensive back at Long Beach City College from 1977-78 before transferring to Colorado State where he played from 1979-80. He earned his bachelor's degree in education from CSU.

A native of Long Beach, California, Charlie and his wife, Shellie, reside in Tampa with daughter Sydney (12/11/90) and son Gregory (3/16/94).

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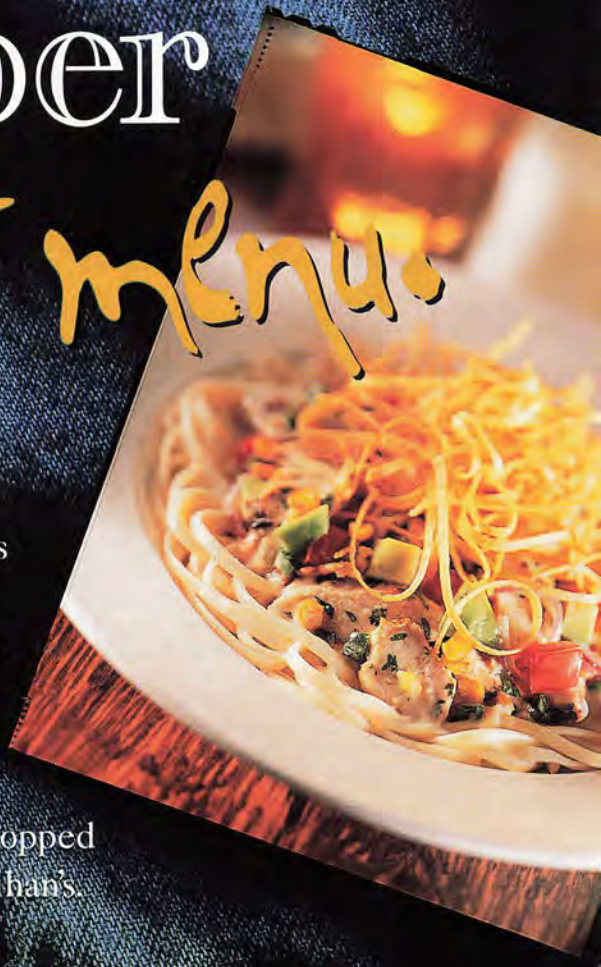

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NFC Players of the Week

Following each weekend of action during the regular season, the National Football League selects a Player of the Week from each conference on offense, defense and special teams. Tampa Bay Buccaneer players have been chosen for this honor on 21 occasions since it was instituted in 1984 (special teams awards began in 1993).

NFC Players of the Week are chosen from among a pool of outstanding performers nominated by their own teams. Each week, the Buccaneers choose a Player of the Game from their own squad and nominate him and others for league-wide consideration. Last week's Buccaneer Player of the Game was RB Warrick Dunn.

Dunn, a rookie, racked up 133 total yards and a pair of touchdowns in the Bucs' 31-10 drubbing of the Atlanta Falcons. In addition to 76 rushing yards on 14 carries, the former Florida State star hauled in three passes for 57 yards. His two scores came on big plays: a 24-yard reception that gave the Bucs a 14-7 lead in the second quarter and a 30-yard run up the middle that provided the team's final points of the game.

RB Warrick Dunn, Buccaneers' Player of the Game, Week 13

	OFFENSIVE	DEFENSIVE	SPECIAL TEAMS
1984	QB Steve DeBerg (Week 3)		
1985	TE Jimmie Giles (Week 10)		
1987	QB Steve DeBerg (Week 1)	S Paul Tripoli (Week 4) CB Kevin Walker (Week 6)	
1989	QB Vinny Testaverde (Week 1) The Buccaneer Offense (Week 5)		
1990		S Mark Robinson (Week 4)	
1991		LB Broderick Thomas (Week 11)	
1992	QB Vinny Testaverde (Week 2)	DT Santana Dotson (Week 4)	
1993		LB Hardy Nickerson (Week 9)	CB Roger Jones (Week 17)
1994		LB Hardy Nickerson (Week 2) LB Hardy Nickerson (Week 13)	
1995	RB Errict Rhett (Week 15)		PK Michael Husted (Week 7)
1996		S John Lynch (Week 13)	WR/KR Karl Williams (Week 17)
1997	RB Warrick Dunn (Week 2) QB Trent Dilfer (Week 4)		WR Karl Williams (Week 10) LB Shelton Quarles (Week 11)

BUCCANEERS 1997 PLAYERS OF THE GAME

Date	Opponent	Player	Stats, Notes
8/31	SAN FRANCISCO	Warren Sapp	11 tackles, 2.5 sacks
9/7	at Detroit	Warrick Dunn	24-130-1 rushing
9/14	at Minnesota	Trent Dilfer	15-20-0, 2 TD passing
9/21	MIAMI	Mike Alstott	18-95 rushing, 2 TD recs.
9/28	ARIZONA	Brad Culpepper	3 sacks
10/5	at Green Bay	Warrick Dunn	16-125-1 rushing
10/12	DETROIT	Horace Copeland	6-105 receiving
10/26	MINNESOTA	Reidel Anthony	5-92-1 receiving
11/2	at Indianapolis	Karl Williams	2 rec. TDs, 63-yd. PR
11/9	at Atlanta	Warrick Dunn	14-76-1 rush., 3-57-1 rec.
11/16	NEW ENGLAND	Trent Dilfer	21-29-0, TD 209 yards
11/23	at Chicago	Hardy Nickerson	22 tackles, team record
11/30	at N.Y. Giants	Warrick Dunn	24-120 rush, 2-49 rec.
12/7	GREEN BAY		
12/14	at N.Y. Jets		
12/21	CHICAGO		

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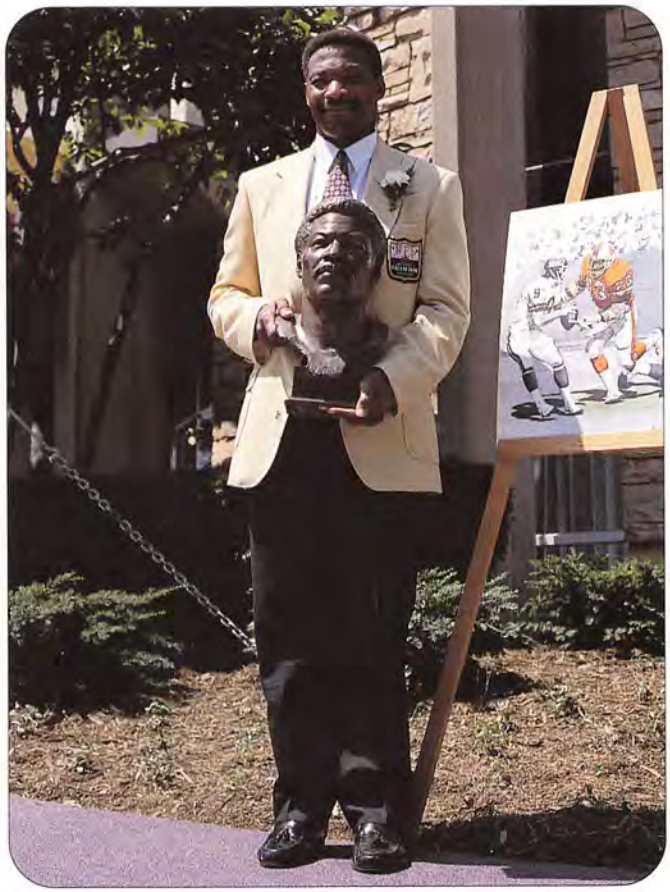

Lee Roy Selmon became the first Buccaneer player ever inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on July 29, 1995. The Buccaneers' first draft choice in 1976, Selmon proved to be the best player to date in team history. Drafted out of Oklahoma where he won both the Outland and Lombardi trophies during his senior season, Selmon went on to become the cornerstone of the Buccaneer franchise for nearly a decade.

A member of eight All-America teams while with the Sooners, Selmon was an even greater professional. The Buccaneers' all-time career sack leader (78.5), Selmon anchored a ferocious defense which led the team to its first-ever NFC Central Division Championship in 1979.

Selmon managed to establish numerous team records despite having his career prematurely shortened due to a herniated disk suffered at the end of the 1984 season. His lengthy list of Buccaneer records include: career starts (117), career sacks (78.5), sacks in a season (13), career fumbles caused (28.5) and Pro Bowl selections (six). In addition, he was named NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1979 and NFC Defensive Lineman of the Year by the NFL Players Association four times (1979-80, 1982-83). His number 63, became the first and only jersey retired by the Buccaneers on September 7, 1986.

Selmon's on-the-field contributions were equalled only by his generosity off the field. He was a perennial contender for the NFL Man of the Year and the Byron "Whizzer" White Award for humanitarian service. Since his retirement,

Selmon has remained highly-visible in community affairs. In addition to occupying a seat on the board of the Tampa Sports Authority, Selmon has taken on the responsibility of building the University of South Florida's new football program. As Associate Athletic Director at USF, since August of 1994, Selmon has been entrusted with the primary task of procuring funds for the University's fledgling football program.

Selmon was born and raised in Eufaula, Okla. He has five brothers and three sisters including Dewey who played for the Bucs from 1976-80 and Lucious who is currently the outside linebackers coach for the Jacksonville Jaguars. Lee Roy and his wife, Claybra, have three children, Brandy (19), Lee Roy, Jr. (16) and Christopher (14). •

NFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G-S	TOTAL TACK.	FUM. REC.	FUM. FOR.	QB SACK
1976	Tampa Bay	8-6	24	0	0	5
1977	Tampa Bay	14-14	110	2	5	13
1978	Tampa Bay	14-14	92	0	2	11
1979	Tampa Bay	16-16	117	2	3	11
1980	Tampa Bay	16-16	97	2	4	9
1981	Tampa Bay	14-13	73	0	5	6.5
1982	Tampa Bay	9-9	58	1	2	4
1983	Tampa Bay	14-13	71	1	3	11
1984	Tampa Bay	16-16	100	2	4.5	8
9-YEAR TOTALS		**121-117**	**742**	**10**	**28.5**	**78.5**

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Several Buccaneer players have developed programs which provide tickets to the game for Bay Area youth and charitable organizations. The following is information on the groups visiting Houlihan's Stadium today.

Focus & Finish

Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Backs Coach Herman Edwards and the Buccaneers' secondary have established "Focus & Finish" in all of Hillsborough County's High Schools. This program rewards students enrolled in the athletic program who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and are involved in community service. Look in the North end zone for the twenty Hillsborough County high school athletes.

Rhett's Touchdown team

Together with Kane's Furniture, Errict Rhett hosts patients from All Children's Hospital at each Buccaneer home game. During pre-game warm-ups, Errict visits with his guests in the South end zone.

Alstott's Army

This season FB Mike Alstott and Coca-Cola present "Alstott's Army" located in the NW "Red Zone" (Goal line to the 20 yard line). This program allows participants in the Boys & Girls Clubs' flag football program to be Mike's guests at each home game.

Lynch's Safety Zone

Kraft's Lunchables came up with a great combo when they teamed up with S John Lynch and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa. Members of the Boys & Girls Clubs Tackle Football Program have the opportunity to win tickets to Buccaneer home games through the computer center in each club. Those students logging the most homework time on the computers will get to be John's guests in the North end zone.

Brooks' Bunch

LB Derrick Brooks has teamed up with NationsBank to host a group of inner city youth at each home game as part of his "Brooks' Bunch." Those groups include: the Audley Evans Center, Tampa Marine Institute, the Children's Home and the 22nd St. & MLK Chess Academy.

Dungy's Mentors For Life

In an effort to encourage others to become involved in mentoring programs, Tony and Lauren Dungy have created "Dungy's Mentors for Life." Those mentors and youth who are matched through programs such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, College Hill Baptist Church Youth Group and Pinellas County 500 Role Models have the opportunity to attend Buccanneer home games.

Abraham's All- Stars

Founded by second-year CB Donnie Abraham, Abraham's All Stars will bring former TGH pediatric patients and families to each Buccaneer home game. Abraham will also visit TGH during the fall to help raise the spirits of the children still at the facility.

Bouie's Buddies

With S Tony Bouie and GTE making the call, students from Lomax Alternative School will have the opportunity to win tickets to each home game on the Buccaneers' schedule. Tony will visit the school on a weekly basis to hand-deliver the tickets to the winning student.

Hardy's Huddles

Transworld Diversified Services, Inc. has joined LB Hardy Nickerson in his continued efforts to raise the standard of education in the Bay Area with his "Hardy's Huddles." Through his Hardy Nickerson Foundation, Hardy has adopted eleven at-risk youth and sponsored them in a private learning center. The Huddles group has the opportunity to attend Buccaneer home games by excelling in different scholastic areas. In addition to the Huddles, Hardy has also adopted Oak Park Elementary, where students can earn tickets by accepting the different challenges Hardy gives them.

Warrick Dunn Provides Local Families "Homes For The Holidays"

Warrick Dunn and his new friends were all smiles, thanks to Dunn's "Homes for the Holidays" program.

Four Tampa families were able to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner in brand new homes this year, thanks to the generosity of Tampa Bay Buccaneers running back Warrick Dunn. The rookie sensation joined forces with several of the Buccaneers' corporate sponsors to create the "Homes for the Holidays" program, an initiative that enabled four disadvantaged, single-mother families to become first-time homeowners just in time for the holidays.

Dunn's graciousness benefited local families who were participating in Tampa Mayor Dick Greco's Challenge Fund Loan Program, an effort designed to help low-income families purchase homes in Hillsborough County at below-market rates of interest. Tampa families who are without housing or who currently live in public housing are eligible to participate in the Mayor's program.

Creating Homes for the Holidays was Dunn's idea, and he worked with sponsors and team front office staff members to make it a reality. Dunn and Buccaneers officials decided to run the project through the Challenge Fund program in order to select families who had already proven capable of maintaining monthly payments and place them in homes that had gone through city inspections and were ready to be listed on the market. Challenge Fund coordinators selected four families who were at the appropriate stage to move into new homes by November 25, and Dunn paid the down payment on each mortgage.

"I wanted to do something that would make a significant difference and greatly improve the lives of some disadvantaged people," Dunn said. "I think our Homes for the Holidays program does that. We're on this earth to help those who are not as fortunate, and in my opinion, that's what the spirit of the holidays is all about."

In addition to providing the deposit, Dunn worked with several Buccaneers sponsors to accumulate items that would help get the homes up and running. Through partnerships with Badcock Furniture, Sears, and JC Penney, Dunn was able to fully furnish all four homes with items such as kitchen appliances, washers and dryers, area rugs, tables, lamps, couches, beds and linens. Publix grocery stores stocked each kitchen with food and provided Thanksgiving turkeys with all of the trimmings for a holiday dinner. Deloitte & Touche Consulting Group donated home computers to each house. Other sponsors who contributed items to the families included Babies 'R Us, Home Depot, Security Link, GTE, Tampa Bay Family Magazine, Pepin Distributorship, and Target.

Two days before Thanksgiving, Dunn traveled to each house to present the families with the keys to their new homes. There were smiles, tears, hugs, and plenty of thanks to go around as Dunn toured the homes with the mothers and children who had never before lived in homes of their own.

"My mother, she worked very hard and everything like that, but you really don't think you can own a home, not from our background," said 24-year old Lateasha Thomas, a mother of two and new home owner by way of Dunn's program. "We always had a roof over our head no matter what, but a home was something that just wasn't conceivable, really."

Dunn's charitable efforts are just beginning, as the first-year pro has future plans to establish a foundation to aid the families of slain police officers and start a fund to enhance education opportunities for needy high school students. But for now, his Homes for the Holidays program is enough to keep several Bay area residents smiling as they remember the true meaning of the holiday season.

"This will change my life dramatically," said Thomas. "A home, a yard for my kids, just everything. I can never take anything for granted. This is the best thing that has ever happened to me." •

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Dina

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- Works as lab technician in father's orthodontic office
- Lives on ranch with her husband and enjoys reading, riding horses, playing volleyball and rollerblading

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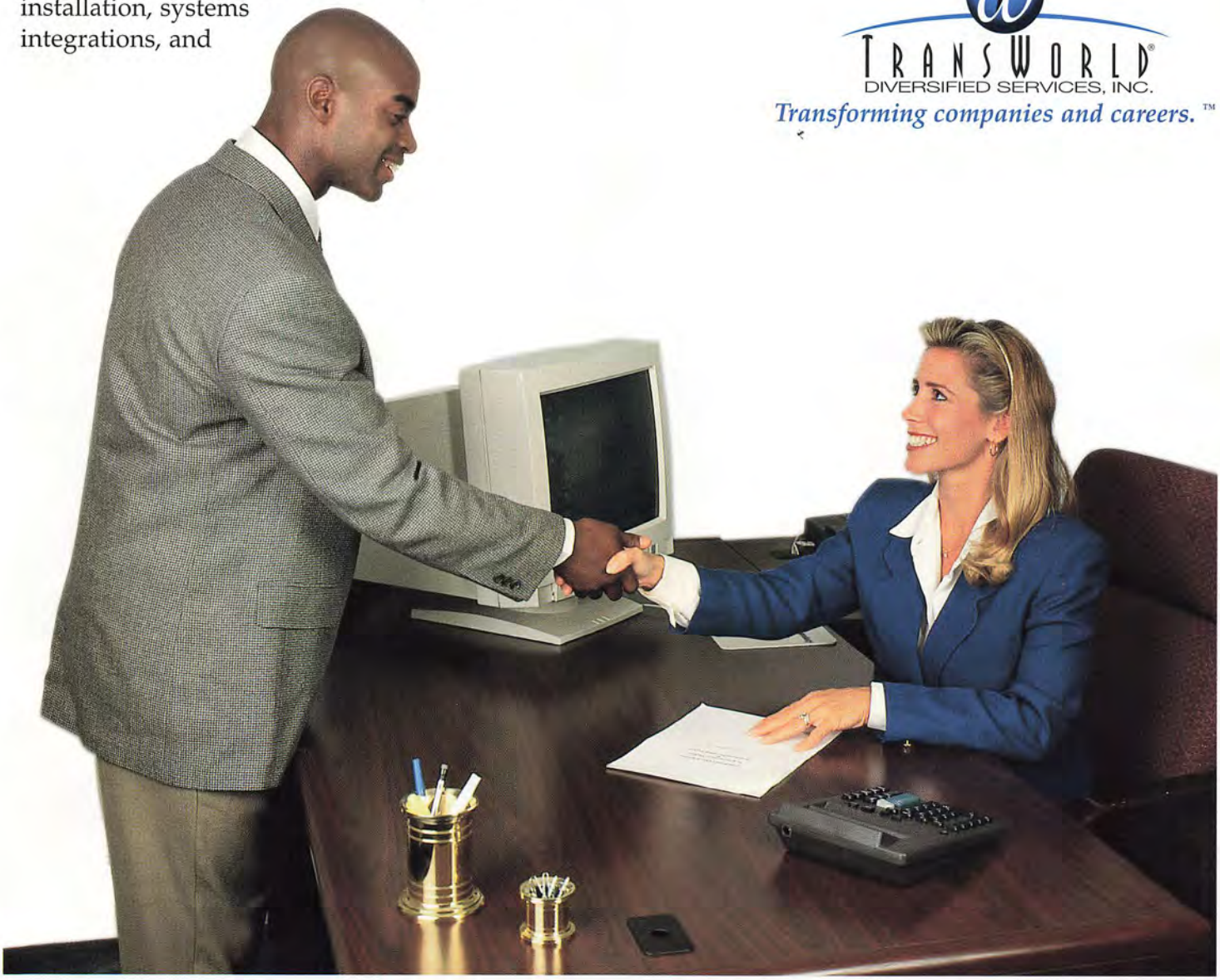

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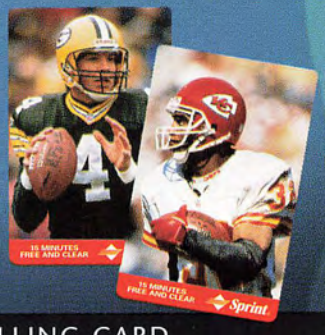

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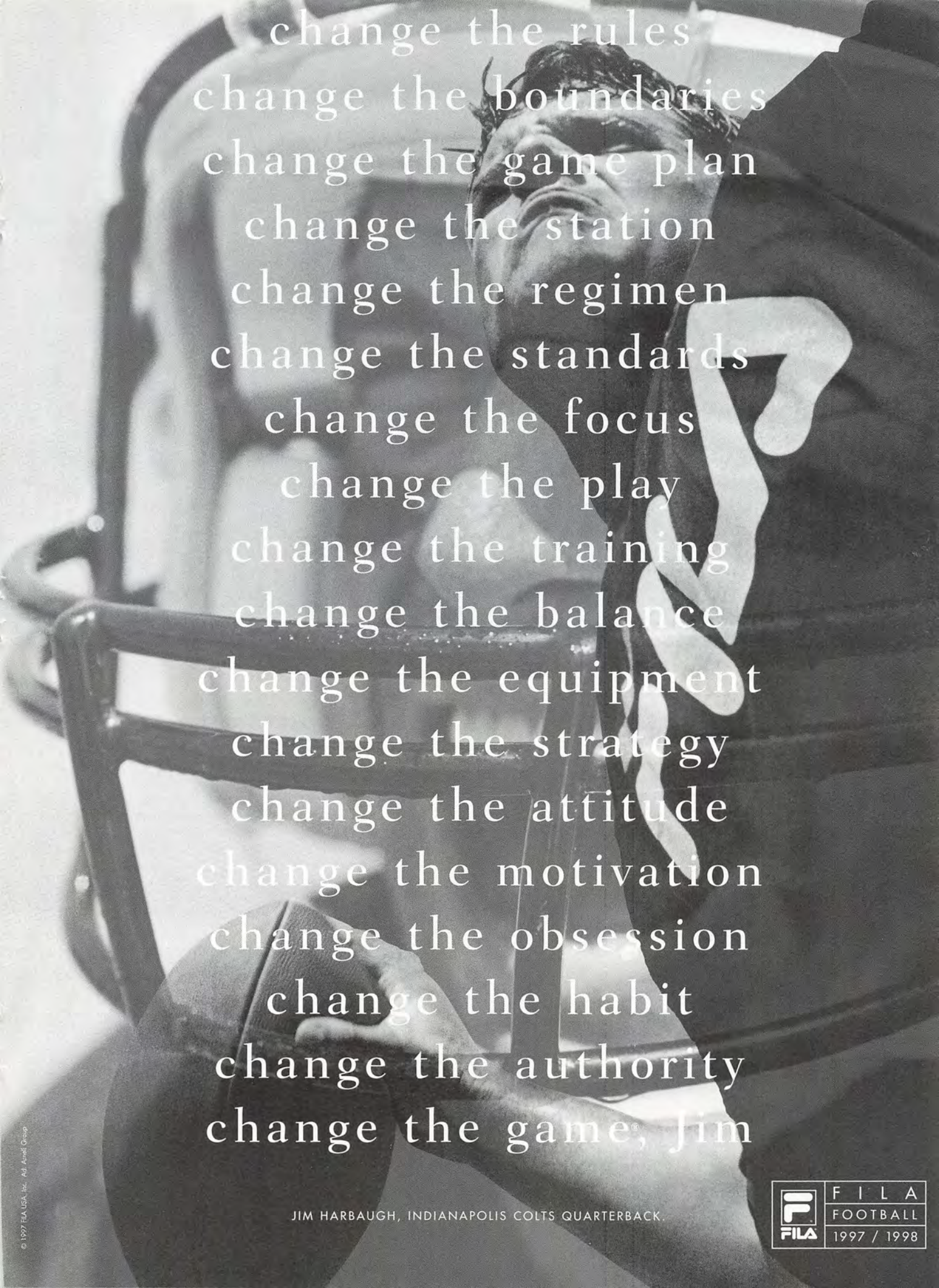
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
21	Abraham, Donnie	CB	5-10	190	24	2	East Tennessee St.
72	Ahanotu, Chidi	DE	6-2	283	27	5	California
40	Alstott, Mike	FB	6-1	248	23	2	Purdue
85	Anthony, Reidel	WR	5-11	178	21	R	Florida
20	Barber, Ronde	CB	5-10	186	22	R	Virginia
52	Bellisari, Greg	LB	6-0	236	22	R	Ohio St.
23	Bouie, Tony	S	5-10	190	25	3	Arizona
55	Brooks, Derrick	LB	6-0	235	24	3	Florida St.
88	Copeland, Horace	WR	6-3	208	26	5	Miami (FL)
77	Culpepper, Brad	DT	6-1	275	28	6	Florida
75	Curry, Eric	DE	6-5	278	27	5	Alabama
87	Davis, John	TE	6-4	257	24	2	Emporia St.
64	Diaz, Jorge	G	6-4	308	24	2	Tex. A&M-Kingsville
12	Dilfer, Trent	QB	6-4	234	25	4	Fresno St.
65	Dogins, Kevin	C	6-1	295	24	1	Tex. A&M-Kingsville
28	Dunn, Warrick	RB	5-8	178	22	R	Florida State
37	Ellison, Jerry	RB	5-10	207	25	3	Tenn.-Chattanooga
50	Gooch, Jeff	LB	5-11	224	23	2	Austin Peay St.
74	Gruber, Paul	T	6-5	292	32	10	Wisconsin
82	Hape, Patrick	TE	6-4	256	23	R	Alabama
80	Harris, Jackie	TE	6-4	254	29	8	Northeast Louisiana
5	Husted, Michael	PK	6-0	190	27	5	Virginia
19	Hunter, Brice	WR	6-0	219	23	1	Georgia
97	Jackson, Tyoka	DE/DT	6-2	274	26	3	Penn St.
25	Johnson, Melvin	S	6-0	204	25	3	Kentucky
78	Jones, Marcus	DT	6-6	286	24	2	North Carolina
7	Landeta, Sean	P	6-0	210	35	13	Towson St.
45	Legette, Tyrone	CB	5-9	179	27	6	Nebraska
47	Lynch, John	S	6-2	214	26	5	Stanford
90	Maniecki, Jason	DT	6-4	291	25	2	Wisconsin
61	Mayberry, Tony	C	6-4	302	29	8	Wake Forest
73	Middleton, Frank	G	6-3	340	23	R	Arizona
13	Milanovich, Scott	QB/P	6-3	220	24	2	Maryland
22	Mincy, Charles	S	5-11	195	27	7	Washington
83	Moore, Dave	TE	6-2	242	28	5	Pittsburgh
56	Nickerson, Hardy	LB	6-2	230	32	11	California
70	Odom, Jason	T	6-5	307	23	2	Florida
27	Parker, Anthony	CB	5-10	181	31	8	Arizona St.
69	Pierson, Pete	T	6-5	295	26	3	Washington
59	Porter, Rufus	LB	6-1	236	32	10	Southern
60	Pyne, Jim	G	6-2	297	26	4	Virginia Tech
53	Quarles, Shelton	LB	6-1	236	26	1	Vanderbilt
32	Rhett, Errict	RB	5-11	212	26	4	Florida
24	Robinson, Damien	S	6-2	210	23	R	Iowa
99	Sapp, Warren	DT	6-2	276	24	3	Miami (FL)
51	Singleton, Alshermond	LB	6-2	227	22	R	Temple
84	Thomas, Robb	WR	5-11	178	31	9	Oregon St.
91	Upshaw, Regan	DE	6-4	268	22	2	California
4	Walsh, Steve	QB	6-3	215	31	9	Miami (FL)
94	White, Steve	DE	6-2	265	24	2	Tennessee
86	Williams, Karl	WR	5-10	174	26	2	Tex. A&M-Kingsville
71	Wunsch, Jerry	T	6-6	333	23	R	Wisconsin
31	Young, Floyd	CB	6-0	170	22	R	Tex. A&M Kingsville



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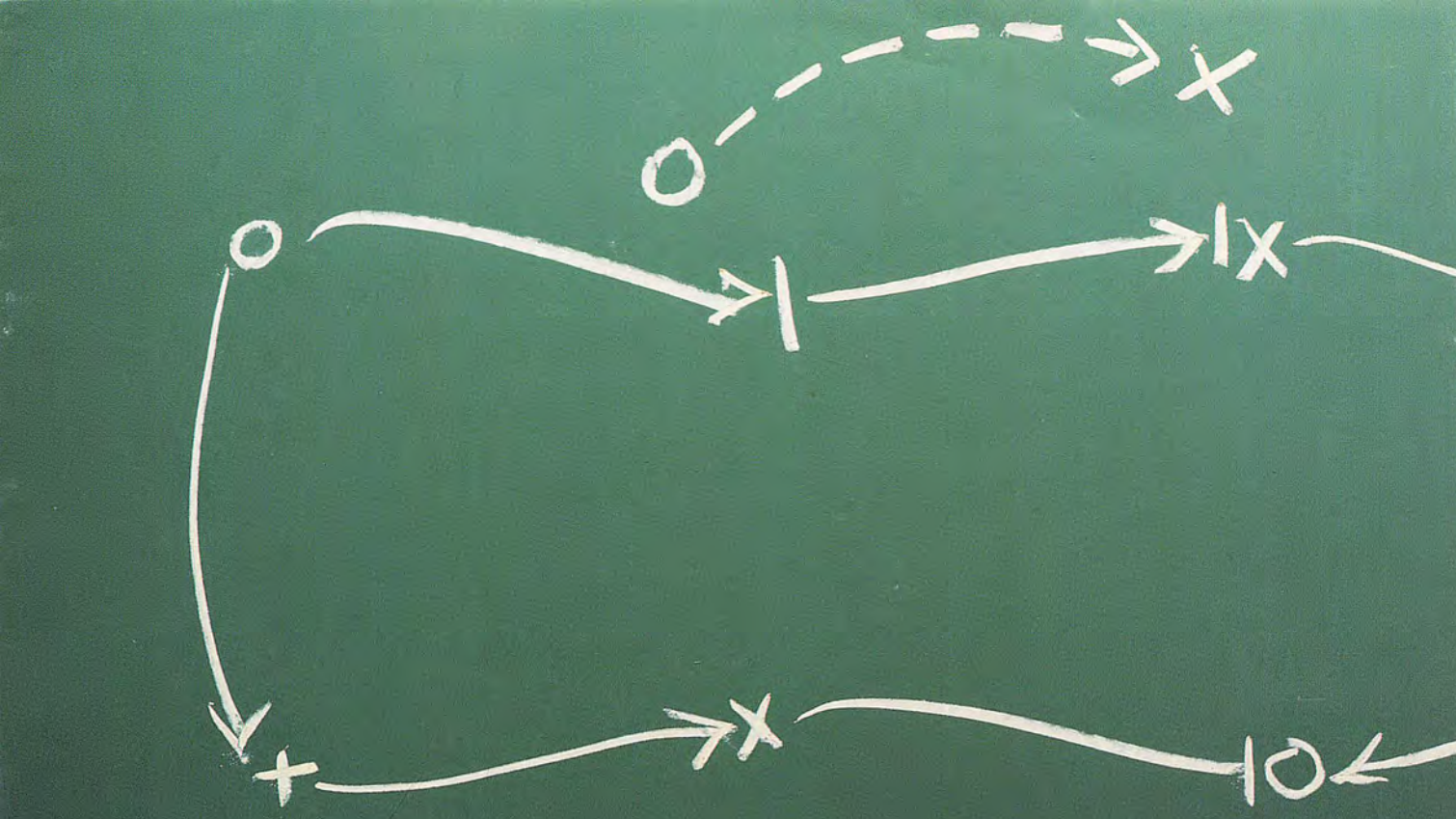

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Buccaneers Offense

85	Reidel Anthony	WR
74	Paul Gruber	LT
60	Jim Pyne	LG
61	Tony Mayberry	C
64	Jorge Diaz	RG
70	Jason Odom	RT
80	Jackie Harris	TE
88	Horace Copeland	WR
12	Trent Dilfer	QB
28	Warrick Dunn	RB
40	Mike Alstott	FB

Buccaneers Defense

72	Chidi Ahanotu	LE
77	Brad Culpepper	NT
99	Warren Sapp	UT
91	Regan Upshaw	RE
59	Rufus Porter	SLB
56	Hardy Nickerson	MLB
55	Derrick Brooks	WLB
21	Donnie Abraham	LCB
27	Anthony Parker	RCB
47	John Lynch	SS
22	Charles Mincy	FS

Buccaneers Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.
4	Steve Walsh	QB	60	Jim Pyne	G
5	Michael Husted	PK	61	Tony Mayberry	C
7	Sean Landeta	P	64	Jorge Diaz	G
12	Trent Dilfer	QB	65	Kevin Dogins	C
13	Scott Milanovich	QB/P	69	Pete Pierson	T
19	Brice Hunter	WR	70	Jason Odom	T
20	Ronde Barber	CB	71	Jerry Wunsch	T
21	Donnie Abraham	CB	72	Chidi Ahanotu	DE
22	Charles Mincy	S	73	Frank Middleton	G
23	Tony Bouie	S	74	Paul Gruber	T
24	Damien Robinson	S	75	Eric Curry	DE
25	Melvin Johnson	S	77	Brad Culpepper	DT
27	Anthony Parker	CB	78	Marcus Jones	DT
28	Warrick Dunn	RB	80	Jackie Harris	TE
31	Floyd Young	CB	82	Patrick Hape	TE
32	Errict Rhett	RB	83	Dave Moore	TE
37	Jerry Ellison	RB	84	Robb Thomas	WR
40	Mike Alstott	FB	85	Reidel Anthony	WR
45	Tyrone Legette	CB	86	Karl Williams	WR
47	John Lynch	S	87	John Davis	TE
50	Jeff Gooch	LB	88	Horace Copeland	WR
51	Alshermond Singleton	LB	90	Jason Maniecki	DT
52	Greg Bellisari	LB	91	Regan Upshaw	RE
53	Shelton Quarles	LB	94	Steve White	DE
55	Derrick Brooks	LB	97	Tyoka Jackson	DT
56	Hardy Nickerson	LB	99	Warren Sapp	DT
59	Rufus Porter	LB			

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Packers Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.
4	Brett Favre	QB
8	Ryan Longwell	K
13	Steve Bono	QB
17	Craig Hentrich	P
18	Doug Pederson	QB
24	Aaron Hayden	RB
25	Dorsey Levens	RB
26	Mark Collins	CB
28	Roderick Mullen	CB/S
30	William Henderson	FB
32	Travis Jervey	FB
33	Doug Evans	CB
36	LeRoy Butler	S
38	Blaine McElmurry	S
37	Tyrone Williams	CB
39	Mike Prior	S
41	Eugene Robinson	S
42	Darren Sharper	CB/S
44	Chris Darkins	RB
51	Brian Williams	LB
52	Frank Winters	C
53	George Koonce	LB
54	Seth Joyner	LB
55	Bernardo Harris	LB
56	Lamont Hollinquest	LB
60	Rob Davis	LS
62	Marco Rivera	G
63	Adam Timmerman	G
64	Bruce Wilkerson	T
67	Jeff Dellenbach	C/G
70	Joe Andruzzi	G
71	Santana Dotson	DT
72	Earl Dotson	T
73	Aaron Taylor	G
77	John Michels	T
78	Ross Verba	T
80	Derrick Mayes	WR
81	Tyrone Davis	TE
82	Don Beebe	WR
83	Jeff Thomason	TE
84	Bill Schroeder	WR
85	Terry Mickens	WR
86	Antonio Freeman	WR
87	Robert Brooks	WR
89	Mark Chmura	TE
90	Darius Holland	DT
92	Reggie White	DE
93	Gilbert Brown	DT
94	Bob Kuberski	DT
95	Keith McKenzie	LB/DE
97	Paul Frase	DE
98	Gabe Wilkins	DE
99	Jermaine Smith	DT

Packers Offense

86	Antonio Freeman	WR
78	Ross Verba	LT
73	Aaron Taylor	LG
52	Frank Winters	C
63	Adam Timmerman	RG
72	Earl Dotson	RT
89	Mark Chmura	TE
87	Robert Brooks	WR
4	Brett Favre	QB
25	Dorsey Levens	RB
30	William Henderson	FB

Packers Defense

92	Reggie White	LE
71	Santana Dotson	T
93	Gilbert Brown	NT
98	Gabe Wilkins	RE
54	Seth Joyner	LOLB
55	Bernardo Harris	MLB
51	Brian Williams	ROLB
37	Tyrone Williams	LCB
33	Doug Evans	RCB
36	LeRoy Butler	SS
41	Eugene Robinson	FS

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70	Andruzzi, Joe	G	6-3	313	22	R	Southern Conn. St.
82	Beebe, Don	WR	5-11	185	32	9	Chadron St.
13	Bono, Steve	QB	6-4	212	35	13	UCLA
87	Brooks, Robert	WR	6-0	180	27	6	South Carolina
93	Brown, Gilbert	DT	6-2	345	26	5	Kansas
36	Butler, LeRoy	S	6-0	200	29	8	Florida St.
89	Chmura, Mark	TE	6-5	253	28	6	Boston College
26	Collins, Mark	CB	5-10	202	33	12	Cal State-Fullerton
44	Darkins, Chris	RB	6-0	210	23	2	Minnesota
60	Davis, Rob	LS	6-3	288	28	2	Shippensburg
81	Davis, Tyrone	TE	6-4	264	25	2	Virginia
67	Dellenbach, Jeff	C/G	6-6	300	34	13	Wisconsin
72	Dotson, Earl	T	6-4	315	26	5	Texas A&I
71	Dotson, Santana	DT	6-5	285	27	6	Baylor
33	Evans, Doug	CB	6-1	190	27	5	Louisiana Tech
4	Favre, Brett	QB	6-2	225	28	7	Southern Mississippi
97	Frase, Paul	DE	6-5	267	32	9	Syracuse
86	Freeman, Antonio	WR	6-1	194	25	3	Virginia Tech
55	Harris, Bernardo	LB	6-2	247	26	3	North Carolina
24	Hayden, Aaron	RB	6-0	216	24	3	Tennessee
30	Henderson, William	FB	6-1	249	26	3	North Carolina
17	Hentrich, Craig	P	6-3	200	26	4	Notre Dame
90	Holland, Darius	DT	6-5	320	24	3	Colorado
56	Hollinquest, Lamont	LB	6-3	250	27	4	Southern California
32	Jervey, Travis	FB	6-0	222	25	3	The Citadel
54	Joyner, Seth	LB	6-2	245	33	12	Texas-El Paso
53	Koonce, George	LB	6-1	243	29	6	East Carolina
94	Kuberski, Bob	DT	6-4	295	26	3	Navy
25	Levens, Dorsey	RB	6-1	230	27	4	Georgia Tech
8	Longwell, Ryan	K	6-0	185	23	R	California
80	Mayes, Derrick	WR	6-0	205	23	2	Notre Dame
38	McElmurry, Blaine	S	6-0	188	24	R	Montana
95	McKenzie, Keith	LB/DE	6-3	255	24	2	Ball St.
77	Michels, John	T	6-7	304	24	2	Southern California
85	Mickens, Terry	WR	6-0	201	26	4	Florida A&M
28	Mullen, Roderick	CB/S	6-1	204	24	3	Grambling St.
18	Pederson, Doug	QB	6-3	216	29	5	Northeast Louisiana
39	Prior, Mike	S	6-0	208	34	12	Illinois St.
62	Rivera, Marco	G	6-4	295	25	2	Penn St.
41	Robinson, Eugene	S	6-0	197	34	13	Colgate
84	Schroeder, Bill	WR	6-2	198	26	2	Wisconsin-La Crosse
42	Sharper, Darren	CB/S	6-2	205	22	R	William & Mary
99	Smith, Jermaine	DT	6-3	289	25	R	Georgia
73	Taylor, Aaron	G	6-4	305	25	4	Notre Dame
83	Thomason, Jeff	TE	6-5	250	27	5	Oregon
63	Timmerman, Adam	G	6-4	295	26	3	South Dakota St.
78	Verba, Ross	T	6-4	299	24	R	Iowa
92	White, Reggie	DE	6-5	304	25	13	Tennessee
64	Wilkerson, Bruce	T	6-5	310	33	11	Tennessee
98	Wilkins, Gabe	DE	6-5	295	26	4	Gardner-Webb
51	Williams, Brian	LB	6-1	240	24	3	Southern California
37	Williams, Tyrone	CB	5-11	195	24	2	Nebraska
52	Winters, Frank	C	6-3	300	33	11	Western Illinois

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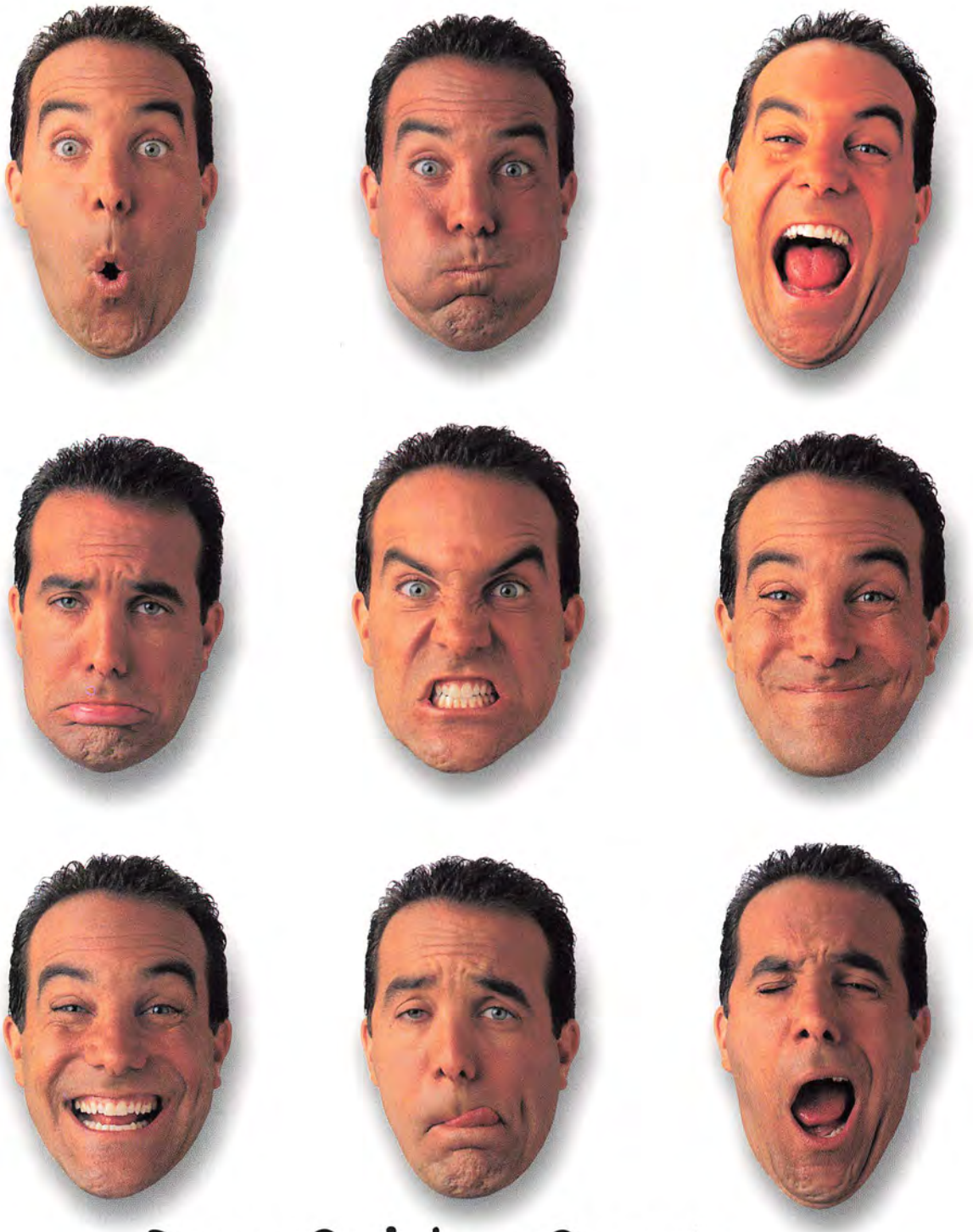

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GAMES PLAYED

	Player	No.
1.	**Paul Gruber, 1988-97**	**148**
2.	Richard Wood, 1976-84	132
3.	Steve Wilson, 1976-85	126
4.	**Tony Mayberry, 1990-97**	**125**
5.	Lee Roy Selmon, 1976-84	121
	Jimmie Giles, 1978-86	121
	John Cannon, 1982-90	121
8.	Randy Grimes, 1983-92	119
9.	Scot Brantley, 1980-87	114
10.	Mark Cotney, 1976-80, 1982-84	113
	James Wilder, 1981-89	113

RUSHING

	Player	Years	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1.	James Wilder	1981-89	1,575	5,957	3.8	75t	37
2.	Reggie Cobb	1990-93	878	3,061	3.5	59t	21
3.	Ricky Bell	1977-81	820	3,057	3.7	56	16
4.	**Errict Rhett**	**1994-97**	**816**	**2,831**	**3.5**	**35**	**23**
5.	Jerry Eckwood	1979-81	515	1,845	3.6	61t	6
6.	Gary Anderson	1990-93	321	1,159	3.6	64t	5
7.	Lars Tate	1988-89	289	1,056	3.7	48	15
8.	Mike Alstott	1996-97	257	996	3.9	47t	10
9.	Louis Carter	1976-78	311	913	2.9	26	4
10.	James Owens	1981-84	264	911	3.5	35t	8

PASSING

	Player	Years	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	.TD	INT
1.	Vinny Testaverde	1987-92	2,160	1,126	14,820	.521	77	112
2.	Doug Williams	1978-82	1,890	895	12,648	.474	73	73
3.	Steve DeBerg	1984-87, 1992-93	1,375	790	9,253	.575	60	59
4.	**Trent Dilfer**	**1994-97**	**1,315**	**728**	**8,422**	**.554**	**37**	**51**
5.	Craig Erickson	1992-94	882	473	6,094	.536	34	31
6.	Jack Thompson	1983-84	475	274	3,243	.577	20	26
7.	Steve Young	1985-86	501	267	3,217	.533	11	21
8.	Steve Spurrier	1976	311	156	1,628	.502	7	12
9.	Gary Huff	1977-78	174	82	1,058	.471	4	16
10.	Chris Chandler	1990-91	187	95	1,021	.508	5	14

RECEIVING

	Player	Years	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1.	James Wilder	1981-89	430	3,492	8.1	50	9
2.	Mark Carrier	1987-92	321	5,018	15.6	78t	27
3.	Kevin House	1980-86	286	4,928	17.2	84t	31
4.	Jimmie Giles	1978-86	279	4,300	15.4	81t	34
5.	Gerald Carter	1981-87	239	3,443	14.4	74t	17
6.	Ron Hall	1987-93	209	2,422	11.6	54t	10
7.	Lawrence Dawsey	1991-95	206	2,842	13.8	65t	5
8.	Courtney Hawkins	1992-96	206	2,744	13.3	67	13
9.	Bruce Hill	1987-91	190	2,942	15.5	53	23
10.	**Jackie Harris**	**1994-97**	**136**	**1,632**	**12.0**	**48**	**6**

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RB/KR James Owens

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5.	Steve Wilson, 1976-85	104
	Randy Grimes, 1983-92	104
7.	David Logan, 1979-86	103
	Ricky Reynolds, 1987-93	103
9.	James Wilder, 1981-89	102
10.	Mike Washington, 1976-84	97
	Ian Beckles, 1990-96	97

SCORING

	PLAYER	YEARS	TD	TDR	TDP	TDRT	FG	PAT	2-PT	TP
1.	Donald Igwebuike	1985-89	0	0	0	0	94	134	0	416
2.	**Michael Husted**	**1993-97**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**93**	**118**	**0**	**397**
3.	James Wilder	1981-89	46	37	9	0	0	0	0	276
4.	Jimmie Giles	1978-86	34	0	34	0	0	0	0	204
5.	Bill Capece	1981-83	0	0	0	0	43	67	0	196
6.	Kevin House	1980-86	31	0	31	0	0	0	0	186
7.	Steve Christie	1990-91	0	0	0	0	38	49	0	163
8.	Mark Carrier	1987-92	27	0	27	0	0	0	0	162
9.	**Errict Rhett**	**1994-97**	**24**	**23**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**146**
10.	Bruce Hill	1987-91	23	0	23	0	0	0	0	138

KICKOFF RETURNS

	PLAYER	YEARS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG	TD
1.	Michael Morton	1982-84	89	1,885	21.2	50	0
2.	Phil Freeman	1985-87	79	1,667	21.1	58	0
3.	Gary Anderson	1990-93	81	1,511	18.7	39	0
4.	Donnie Elder	1988-89	74	1,457	19.7	51	0
5.	George Ragsdale	1977-79	61	1,298	21.3	46	0
6.	Bobby Joe Edmonds	1995	58	1,147	19.8	44	0
7.	James Owens	1981-84	55	1,073	19.5	34	0
8.	Gary Davis	1980-81	49	1,032	21.1	54	0
9.	Vernon Turner	1993-94	49	947	19.3	77	0
10.	Isaac Hagins	1976-80	40	875	21.9	41	0

PUNT RETURNS

	PLAYER	YEARS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG	TD
1.	Danny Reece	1976-80	222	1,556	7.0	50	0
2.	Willie Drewrey	1989-92	88	826	9.4	55	0
3.	**Karl Williams**	**1996-97**	**48**	**702**	**14.6**	**88t**	**1**
4.	Bobby Futrell	1986-90	77	639	8.3	40	0
5.	Leon Bright	1984-85	35	297	8.5	29	0
6.	Bobby Joe Edmonds	1995	29	293	10.1	45	0
7.	Theo Bell	1981-85	49	250	5.1	14	0
8.	Courtney Hawkins	1992-96	34	246	7.2	35	0
9.	John Holt	1981-85	37	243	6.6	22	0
10.	Vernon Turner	1993-94	21	218	10.4	80t	1

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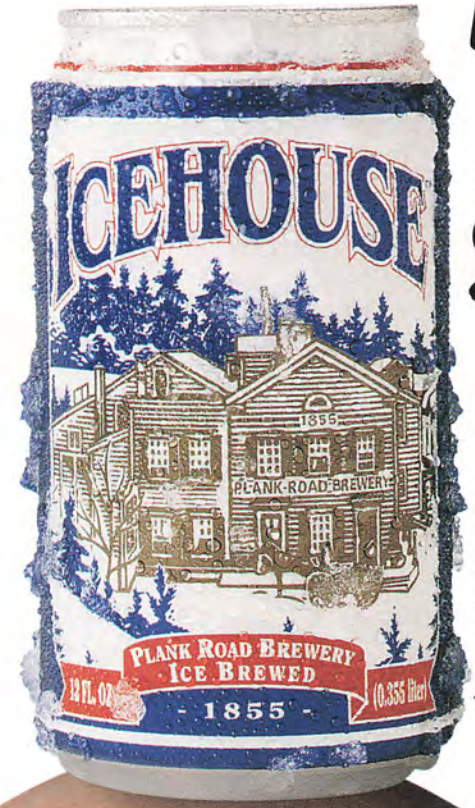

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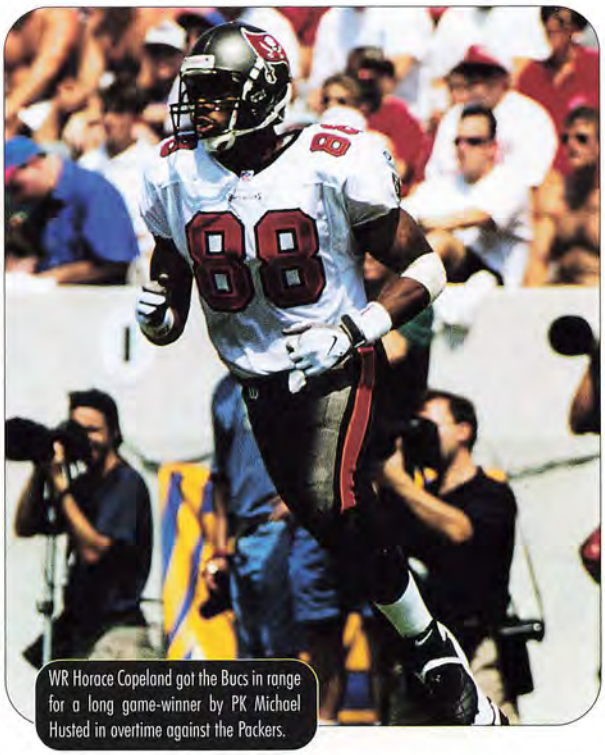
The Packers have won nine of the last 10 meetings in the NFC Central's ongoing 'Battle of the Bays', but the Bucs' victory in that stretch was a thriller on 12/10/95 that took an extra period to complete. The Buccaneers prevailed 13-10 over Green Bay in then-Tampa Stadium as PK Michael Husted drilled a difficult 47-yarder just four minutes into overtime.

Despite nearly identical yardage totals of 346 to 345 in Green Bay's favor, the contest was a defensive struggle through the first 30 minutes. The Packers' game-opening drive reached Tampa Bay's 10-yard line but was short-circuited when Buc S Melvin Johnson intercepted QB Brett Favre's pass in the end zone.

Similarly, the Bucs took their second drive of the game all the way to the Packers' one-yard line but, on first-and-goal were horrified when a pass intended for DT Warren Sapp, subbing in at fullback, was picked off by LB Joe Kelly. PK Chris Jacke's 51-yard field goal midway through the second period was the only scoring of the half.

Tampa Bay went up 7-3 on its opening drive of the third quarter, marching 65 yards for a touchdown as RB Jerry Ellison leapt in from a yard out. The Pack swung back into the lead in the fourth period when Favre found TE Keith Jackson on an eight-yard TD pass. On the ensuing drive, RB Errict Rhett's 18-yard run set up a 38-yard field goal by Husted that tied the game. The Bucs never gave Green Bay a chance in sudden death, winning the toss and taking the opening possession 48 yards for the winning field goal. The key play was a 23-yard pass from QB Trent Dilfer to WR Horace Copeland. •



WR Horace Copeland got the Bucs in range for a long game-winner by PK Michael Husted in overtime against the Packers.

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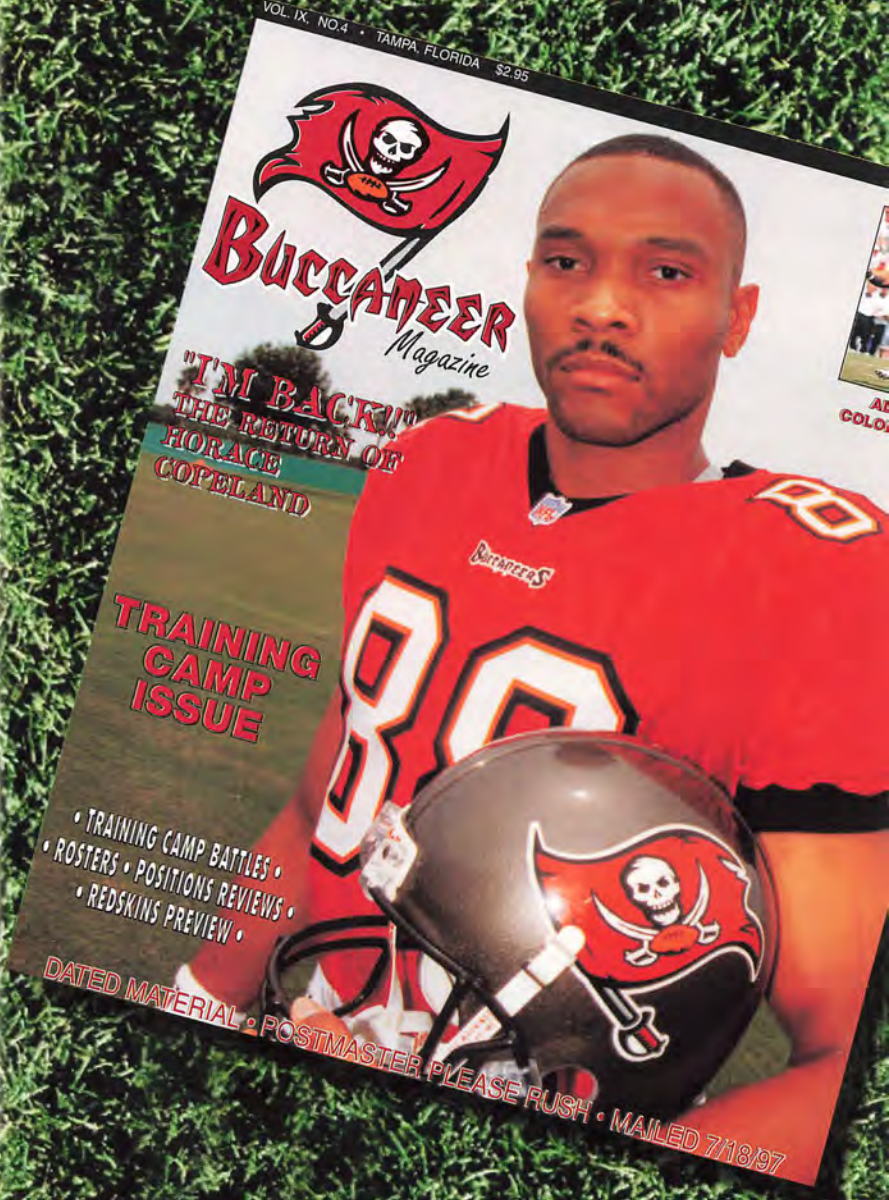
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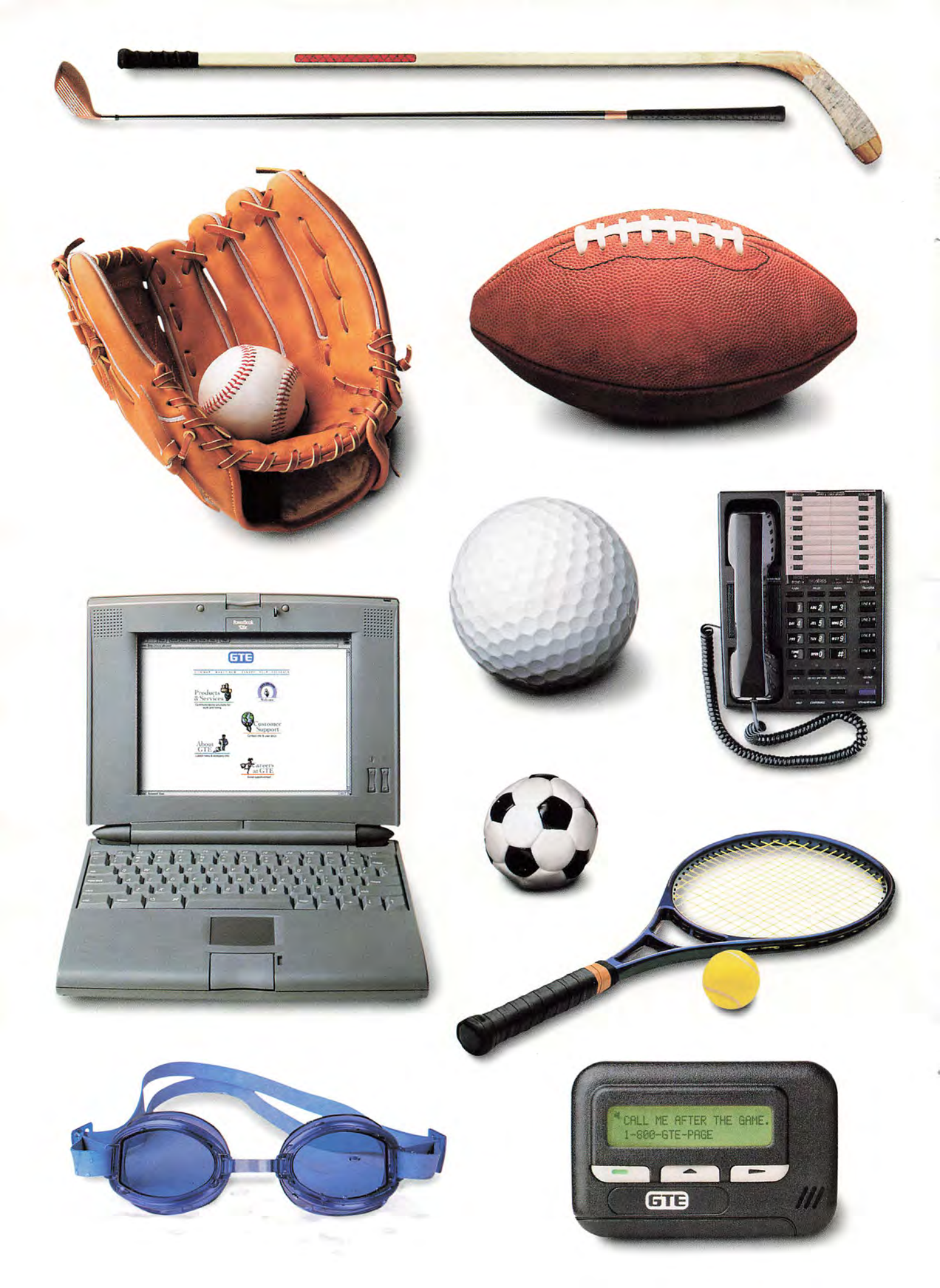
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1979	Doug Williams	387	166	2,448	41.8	18	24	6.3
1980	Doug Williams	521	254	3,396	48.8	20	16	6.5
1981	Doug Williams	471	238	3,563	50.5	19	14	7.6
1982	Doug Williams	307	164	2,071	53.4	9	11	6.7
1983	Jack Thompson	423	249	2,906	58.9	18	21	6.9
1984	Steve DeBerg	509	308	3,554	60.5	19	18	7.0
1985	Steve DeBerg	370	197	2,488	53.2	19	18	6.7
1986	Steve Young	363	195	2,382	53.7	8	13	6.6
1987	Steve DeBerg	275	159	1,891	57.8	14	7	6.9
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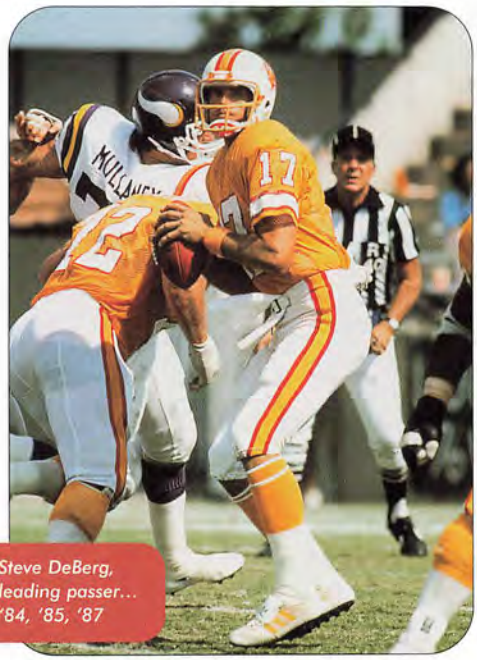
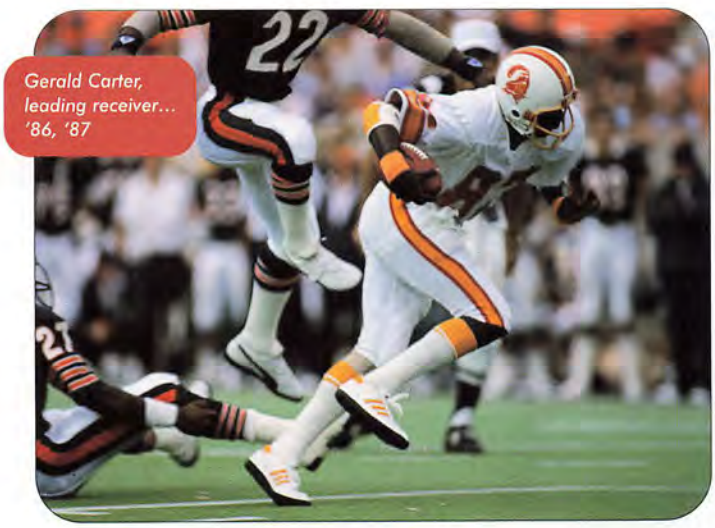


Steve DeBerg, leading passer... '84, '85, '87



Gerald Carter, leading receiver... '86, '87

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1979	Jimmie Giles	40	579	14.5	66t	7
1980	Gordon Jones	48	669	13.9	41t	5
1981	Kevin House	56	1,176	21.0	84t	9
1982	James Wilder	53	466	8.8	32	1
1983	James Wilder	57	380	6.7	31	2
1984	James Wilder	85	685	8.1	50	0
1985	James Wilder	53	341	6.5	20	0
1986	Calvin Magee	45	564	12.5	45	5
1987	James Wilder	40	328	8.2	32	1
1988	Bruce Hill	58	1,040	17.9	42t	9
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1993	Courtney Hawkins	62	933	15.0	67	5
1994	Lawrence Dawsey	46	673	14.6	46	1
1995	Jackie Harris	62	751	12.1	33	1
1996	Mike Alstott	65	557	8.6	29	3

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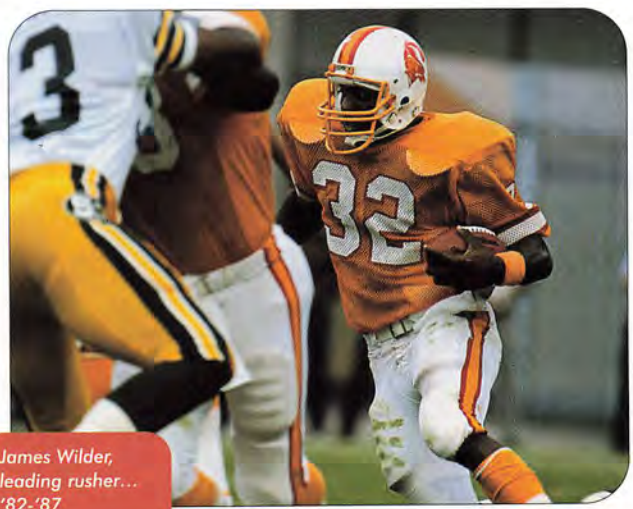

James Wilder, leading rusher... '82-'87

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TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS
1997 Schedule

8/2	WASHINGTON	7:30PM
8/9	At Atlanta	7:30PM
8/16	MIAMI	7:30PM
8/22	New York Jets At Orlando	7:30PM
8/31	SAN FRANCISCO	4:00PM
9/7	At Detroit	1:00PM
9/14	At Minnesota	1:00PM
9/21	MIAMI	8:00PM
9/28	ARIZONA	1:00PM
10/5	At Green Bay	1:00PM
10/12	DETROIT	1:00PM
10/19	– Bye Week –	
10/26	MINNESOTA	4:00PM
11/2	At Indianapolis	1:00PM
11/9	At Atlanta	1:00PM
11/16	NEW ENGLAND	1:00PM
11/23	At Chicago	1:00PM
11/30	At N.Y. Giants	4:00PM
12/7	GREEN BAY	1:00PM
12/14	At N.Y. Jets	1:00PM
12/21	CHICAGO	1:00PM

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THE LAST TIME

INDIVIDUAL

100 YARDS RUSHING
By Buccaneers — 120 by Warrick Dunn, at N.Y. Giants, 11/30/97
By Opponents — 116 by Raymond Harris, at Chicago, 11/23/97

150 YARDS RUSHING
By Buccaneers — 192 by Errict Rhett, vs. Washington, 12/4/94
By Opponents — 215 by Barry Sanders, vs. Detroit, 10/12/97

200 YARDS RUSHING
By Buccaneers — 219 by James Wilder, at Minnesota, 11/6/83
By Opponents — 215 by Barry Sanders, vs. Detroit, 10/12/97

300 YARDS PASSING
By Buccaneers — 327 by Trent Dilfer, at San Diego, 11/17/96
By Opponents — 339 by Kent Graham, vs Arizona, 9/28/97

400 YARDS PASSING
By Buccaneers — 469 by Vinny Testaverde, at Indianapolis, 10/16/88
By Opponents — 418 by Lynn Dickey, vs. Green Bay, 10/12/80

Last interception returned for a TD; Warren Sapp, 5 yards vs. Atlanta, 10/22/95

100 YARDS RECEIVING
By Buccaneers — 105 by Horace Copeland, vs. Detroit, 10/12/97
By Opponents — 120 by Herman Moore, vs. Detroit, 10/12/97

150 YARDS RECEIVING
By Buccaneers — 155 by Horace Copeland at Philadelphia, 9/3/95
By Opponents — 161 by Pete Mitchell, vs. Jacksonville, 11/19/95

200 YARDS RECEIVING
By Buccaneers — 212 by Mark Carrier, at New Orleans, 12/6/87
By Opponents — NONE

FOUR TOUCHDOWN PASSES
By Buccaneers — Trent Dilfer, vs. Miami, 9/21/97
By Opponents — Brett Favre, vs. Green Bay, 9/1/96

THREE TOUCHDOWN PASSES
By Buccaneers — Trent Dilfer (4), vs. Miami, 9/21/97
By Opponents — Brett Favre (4), vs. Green Bay, 9/1/96

THREE TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS
By Buccaneers — Jimmie Giles (4), at Miami, 10/20/85
By Opponents — Antonio Freeman, at Green Bay, 10/5/97

TWO TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS
By Buccaneers — Karl Williams, at Indianapolis, 11/2/97
By Opponents — Antonio Freeman at Green Bay, 10/5/97

THREE RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS
By Buccaneers — Reggie Cobb, vs. Detroit, 11/20/91
By Opponents — Rashaan Salaam, at Chicago, 12/17/95

TWO RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS
By Buccaneers — Errict Rhett, vs. Jacksonville, 11/19/95
By Opponents — Barry Sanders, vs. Detroit, 10/12/97

FOUR FIELD GOALS
By Buccaneers — Michael Husted, at San Diego, 11/17/96
By Opponents — Al Del Greco, at Houston, 10/29/95

THREE FIELD GOALS
By Buccaneers — Michael Husted, vs. Washington, 12/8/96
By Opponents — Jason Hanson, vs. Detroit, 12/23/95

TWO INTERCEPTIONS
By Buccaneers — Martin Mayhew, at Minnesota, 12/3/95
By Opponents — LeRoy Butler, vs. Green Bay, 9/1/96

RUN OF 25 OR MORE YARDS
By Buccaneers — 47t by Mike Alstott and 30t by Warrick Dunn, at Atlanta, 11/9/97
By Opponents — 80t and 82t by Barry Sanders, vs. Detroit, 10/12/97

RUN OF 50 OR MORE YARDS
By Buccaneers — 53t by Warrick Dunn, at N. Y. Giants, 11/30/97
By Opponents — 80t and 82t by Barry Sanders, vs. Detroit, 10/12/97

RECEPTION OF 50 OR MORE YARDS
By Buccaneers — 59t by Warrick Dunn, vs. Detroit, 10/12/97
By Opponents — 79 by Herman Moore, vs. Detroit, 10/12/97

RECEPTION OF 75 OR MORE YARDS
By Buccaneers — 81t by Tyji Armstrong (from Vinny Testaverde), vs. L.A. Rams, 12/6/92
By Opponents — 79 by Herman Moore (from Scott Mitchell), vs. Detroit, 10/12/97

FIELD GOAL OF 50 OR MORE YARDS
By Buccaneers — 54 by Michael Husted, at Atlanta, 11/9/97
By Opponents — 51 by Chris Jacke, vs. Green Bay, 12/10/95

KICKOFF RETURNED FOR A TOUCHDOWN
By Buccaneers — NONE
By Opponents — 89 yards by Mel Gray, at Detroit, 9/27/92

PUNT RETURNED FOR A TOUCHDOWN
By Buccaneers — 88 yards by Karl Williams, vs. Chicago, 12/22/9
By Opponents — 70 yards by Dave Meggett, N.Y. Giants, 11/24/91

INTERCEPTION RETURNED FOR A TOUCHDOWN
By Buccaneers — 5 yards by Warren Sapp, vs. Atlanta, 10/22/95
By Opponents — 77 yards by Gabe Wilkins, at Green Bay, 10/5/97

FUMBLE RETURNED FOR A TOUCHDOWN
By Buccaneers — 78 yards by Martin Mayhew, vs. Minnesota, 10/15/95
By Opponents — 18 yards by Rolando Blackman, at Indianapolis, 11/2/97

BLOCKED PUNT
By Buccaneers — Alshermond Singleton, vs. Arizona (Jeff Feagles), 9/28/97
By Opponents — Reggie White, at Green Bay (Tommy Barnhardt), 10/27/96

BLOCKED PUNT RETURNED FOR A TOUCHDOWN
By Buccaneers — 28 yards by Alshermond Singleton, vs. Arizona (Jeff Feagles punt blocked by Singleton), 9/28/97

THE LAST TIME

By Opponents — 11 yards by Anthony Marshall, vs. Chicago (Reggie Roby's punt blocked by Marshall), 9/17/95

BLOCKED FIELD GOAL

By Buccaneers — Hardy Nickerson, at Green Bay (Ryan Longwell), 10/5/97

By Opponents — Rob Burnett, at Cleveland (Michael Husted), 9/10/95

BLOCKED FIELD GOAL RETURNED FOR A TOUCHDOWN

By Buccaneers — 79 yards by Mike Washington, vs. Atlanta (Fred Steinfort kick blocked by Dewey Selmon), 9/24/78

By Opponents — NONE

MISSED PAT

By Buccaneers — Michael Husted, (wide right) vs. Minnesota, 10/26/97

By Opponents — John Kasay (wide right), at Carolina, 10/1/95

SAFETY

By Buccaneers — Sherman Cocroft (blocked punt), vs. Pittsburgh, 12/24/89

By Opponents — team safety at N.Y. Giants (Trent Dilfer intentional grounding in the end zone), 11/30/97

Last opponent with four TD passes: Brett Favre, Green Bay, 9/1/96

TEAM

WON BY 20 OR MORE POINTS

By Buccaneers — Tampa Bay 27, New England 7, 11/16/97

By Opponents — Carolina 24, Tampa Bay 0, 12/1/96

WON GAME AFTER TRAILING BY 10 OR MORE POINTS

By Buccaneers — Tampa Bay 25, San Diego 17 (after down 14-0), 11/17/96

By Opponents — Seattle 17, Tampa Bay 13 (after down 13-3), 9/22/96

WON GAME IN OVERTIME

By Buccaneers — Tampa Bay 20, Oakland 17 (Michael Husted 23 FG), 11/10/96

By Opponents — New England 10, Tampa Bay 7 (Jason Staurovsky 27 FG), 12/11/88

WON GAME IN LAST MINUTE OF REGULATION

By Buccaneers — Tampa Bay 31, Indianapolis 28 (Michael Husted 36 FG with 0:08 left), 11/2/97

By Opponents — Seattle 17, Tampa Bay 13 (Lamar Smith 14 TD run with 0:31 left), 9/22/96

WON BY SHUTOUT

By Buccaneers — Tampa Bay 16, St. Louis 0, 11/10/85

By Opponents — Carolina 24, Tampa Bay 0, 12/1/96

500 OR MORE TOTAL NET YARDS OF OFFENSE

By Buccaneers — 573 at Minnesota, 11/16/80

By Opponents — 581 at New York Jets, 11/17/85

400 OR MORE TOTAL NET YARDS OF OFFENSE

By Buccaneers — 423, at San Diego, 11/17/95

By Opponents — 447 by Detroit, 10/12/97

200 OR MORE RUSHING YARDS

By Buccaneers — 217, at Green Bay, 10/5/97

By Opponents — 259, vs. Detroit, 10/12/97

400 OR MORE NET YARDS PASSING

By Buccaneers — 444, at Ind., 10/16/88

By Opponents — 415, Green Bay (OT), 10/12/80

SUCCESSFUL ONSIDE KICK

By Buccaneers — at Detroit (recovered at Det. 34 by Darrick Brownlow), 9/27/92

By Opponents — vs. Jacksonville (recovered at Jax 42 by Dave Thomas) 11/19/95

FORCED FOUR TURNOVERS

By Buccaneers — at Minnesota (two fumbles, two interceptions), 12/15/96

By Opponents — at Carolina (two fumbles, two interceptions), 12/1/96

FORCED FIVE TURNOVERS

By Buccaneers — vs. Cincinnati (6 - three fumbles, three interceptions), 10/8/95

By Opponents — vs. Green Bay (6 - two fumbles, four interceptions), 9/1/96

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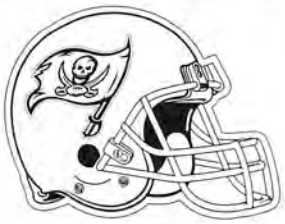

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Bucs Passing	Completions (circle)										Attempts (circle)														TDs/INTs					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	TD	1	2	3	4	5
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28						
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	INT	1	2	3	4	5
	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	TD	1	2	3	4	5
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	INT	1	2	3	4	5
Opponents Passing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	TD	1	2	3	4	5
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28						
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	INT	1	2	3	4	5

Bucs Receiving	Receptions (circle)										Yards (circle TD receptions)	Total	TDs
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		/	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		/	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		/	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		/	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		/	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		/	
Opp. Receiving	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		/	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		/	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		/	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		/	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		/	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		/	

Bucs Rushing	Attempts																														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Opponent																														
Example	Yards / Total	2 / 2	3 / 5	4 / 9	1 / 10	10 / 20																								

Buc Sacks	No.	Yds.	TD
Opp. Sacks			
Totals			

Interceptions	No.	Yds.	TD
Opp. INTs			
Totals			

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	TD
Opp. Returns			
Totals			

Kick Returns	No.	Yds.	TD
Opp. Returns			
Totals			

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Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
N.Y. Giants	7	5	1	.577	226	227
Philadelphia	6	6	1	.500	247	286
Washington	6	6	1	.500	244	199
Dallas	6	7	0	.462	260	240
Arizona	3	10	0	.231	216	288

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Green Bay	10	3	0	.769	343	245
Tampa Bay	9	4	0	.692	262	200
Minnesota	8	5	0	.615	285	289
Detroit	7	6	0	.538	322	250
Chicago	2	11	0	.154	215	377

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
San Francisco	11	2	0	.846	304	193
Carolina	6	7	0	.462	214	240
Atlanta	5	8	0	.385	260	312
New Orleans	5	8	0	.385	170	258
St. Louis	3	10	0	.231	225	301

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Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
New England	8	5	0	.615	308	233
Miami	8	5	0	.615	294	242
N.Y. Jets	8	5	0	.615	293	252
Buffalo	6	7	0	.462	217	296
Indianapolis	1	12	0	.077	222	348

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Pittsburgh	9	4	0	.692	307	246
Jacksonville	9	4	0	.692	334	269
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	284	242
Baltimore	4	8	1	.346	260	286
Cincinnati	4	9	0	.308	267	353

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Denver	11	2	0	.846	393	215
Kansas City	10	3	0	.769	291	212
Seattle	6	7	0	.462	281	301
San Diego	4	9	0	.308	253	344
Oakland	4	9	0	.308	294	347

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 4
Tennessee at Cincinnati

Sunday, December 7
Atlanta at San Diego
Buffalo at Chicago
Denver at Pittsburgh
Green Bay at Tampa Bay
Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets
Minnesota at San Francisco
New England at Jacksonville
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia
Oakland at Kansas City
St. Louis at New Orleans
Seattle at Baltimore
Washington at Arizona
Detroit at Miami

Monday, December 8
Carolina at Dallas

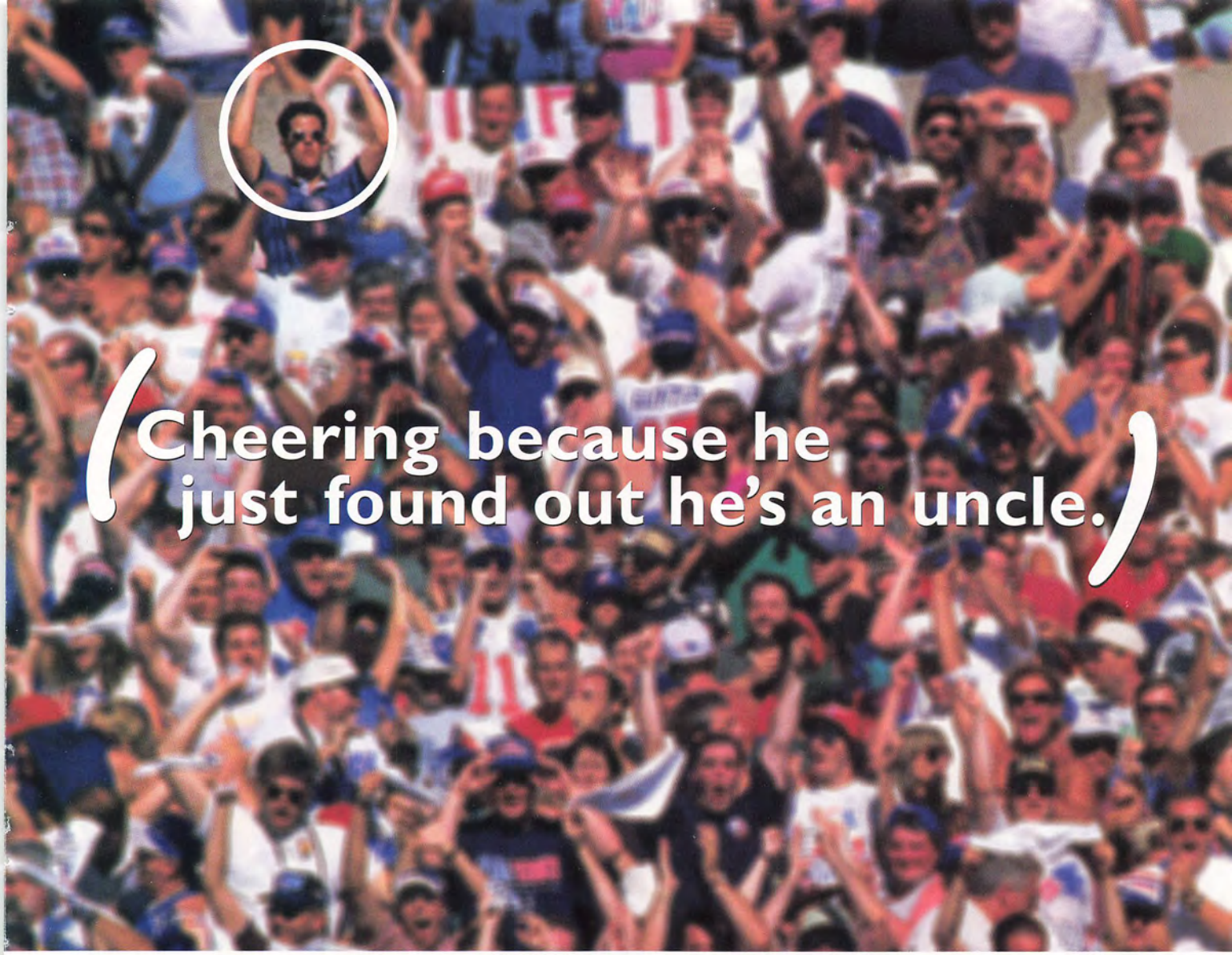
1997 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

PRE-SEASON

Saturday,	**August**	**2**	**WASHINGTON**	**L 8-20**	
Saturday,	August	9	at Atlanta	L 12-17	
Saturday,	**August**	**16**	**MIAMI**	**W 24-10**	
Friday,	August	22	New York Jets (at Orl.)	L 9-15 (OT)	

REGULAR SEASON

Sunday,	**August**	**31**	**SAN FRANCISCO**	**W 13-6**	
Sunday,	September	7	at Detroit	W 24-17	
Sunday,	September	14	at Minnesota	W 28-14	
Sunday,	**September**	**21**	**MIAMI**	**W 31-21**	
Sunday,	**September**	**28**	**ARIZONA**	**W 19-18**	
Sunday,	October	5	at Green Bay	L 16-21	
Sunday,	**October**	**12**	**DETROIT**	**L 9-27**	
Sunday,	October	19	— bye week —		
Sunday,	**October**	**26**	**MINNESOTA**	**L 6-10**	
Sunday,	November	2	at Indianapolis	W 31-28	
Sunday,	November	9	at Atlanta	W 31-10	
Sunday,	**November**	**16**	**NEW ENGLAND**	**W 27-7**	
Sunday,	November	23	at Chicago	L 7-13	
Sunday,	November	30	at New York Giants	W 20-8	
Sunday,	**December**	**7**	**GREEN BAY**		**1:00 p.m.**
Sunday,	December	14	at New York Jets		1:00 p.m.
Sunday,	**December**	**21**	**CHICAGO**		**1:00 p.m.**



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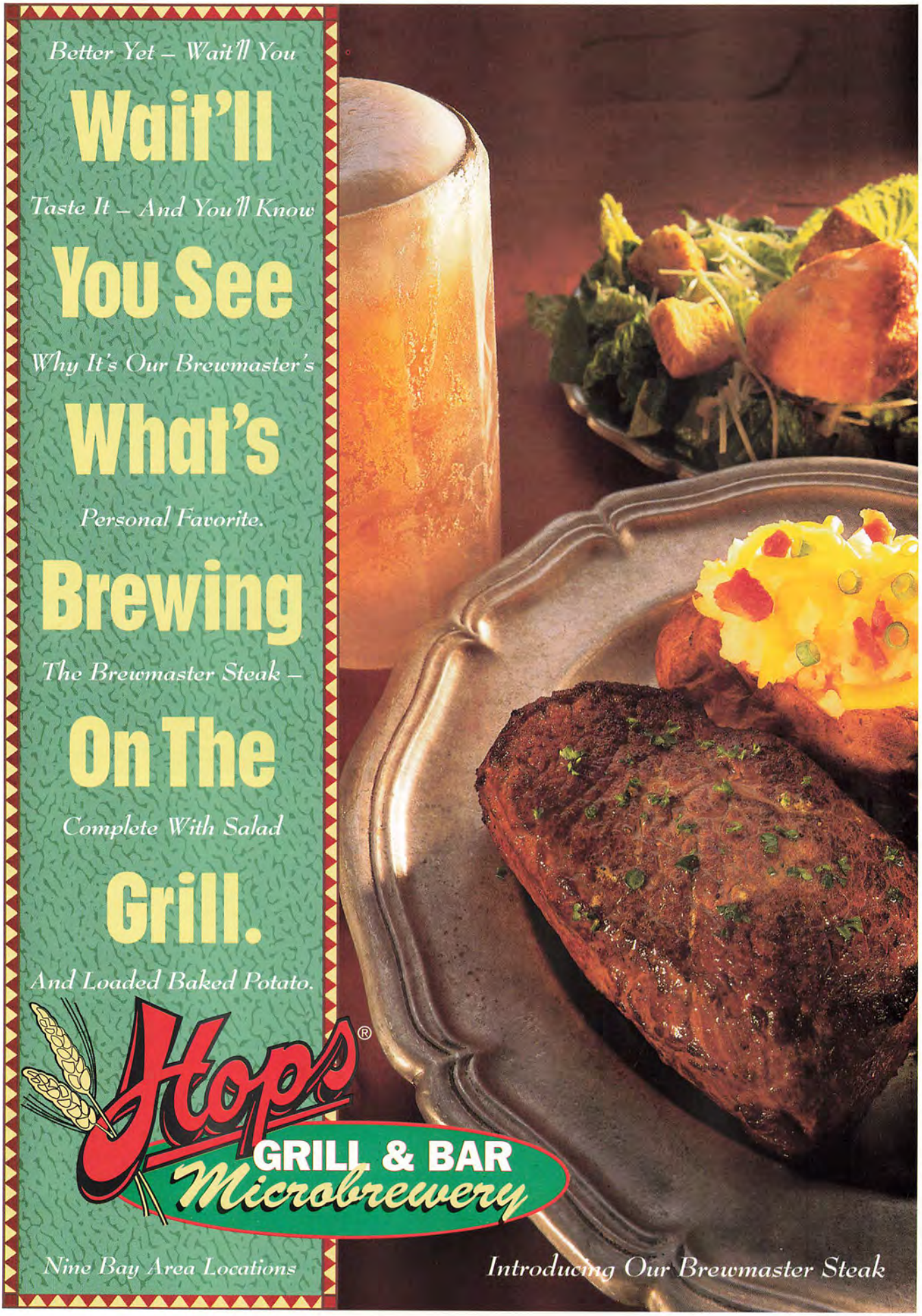
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Specialty Beers
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Soft Drinks

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*(lower east & west levels)

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TAG-A-KID

To eliminate the anxiety and delayed return of a lost child, Houlihan's Stadium has instituted a safety program. Youngsters entering the stadium will be able to receive a complimentary I.D. bracelet with their name and seat location. This will facilitate reunions should the child become separated from his/her party. Also, at the tables, adults can view informative videos about child protection.

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- Write the child's name and seat location on a wristband
- Put the wristband on the child

Lost children will be returned to the designated seat location. If adults are not present, the child will be taken to the stadium office in the south endzone. If you have any questions, please visit the GUEST SERVICES BOOTH.

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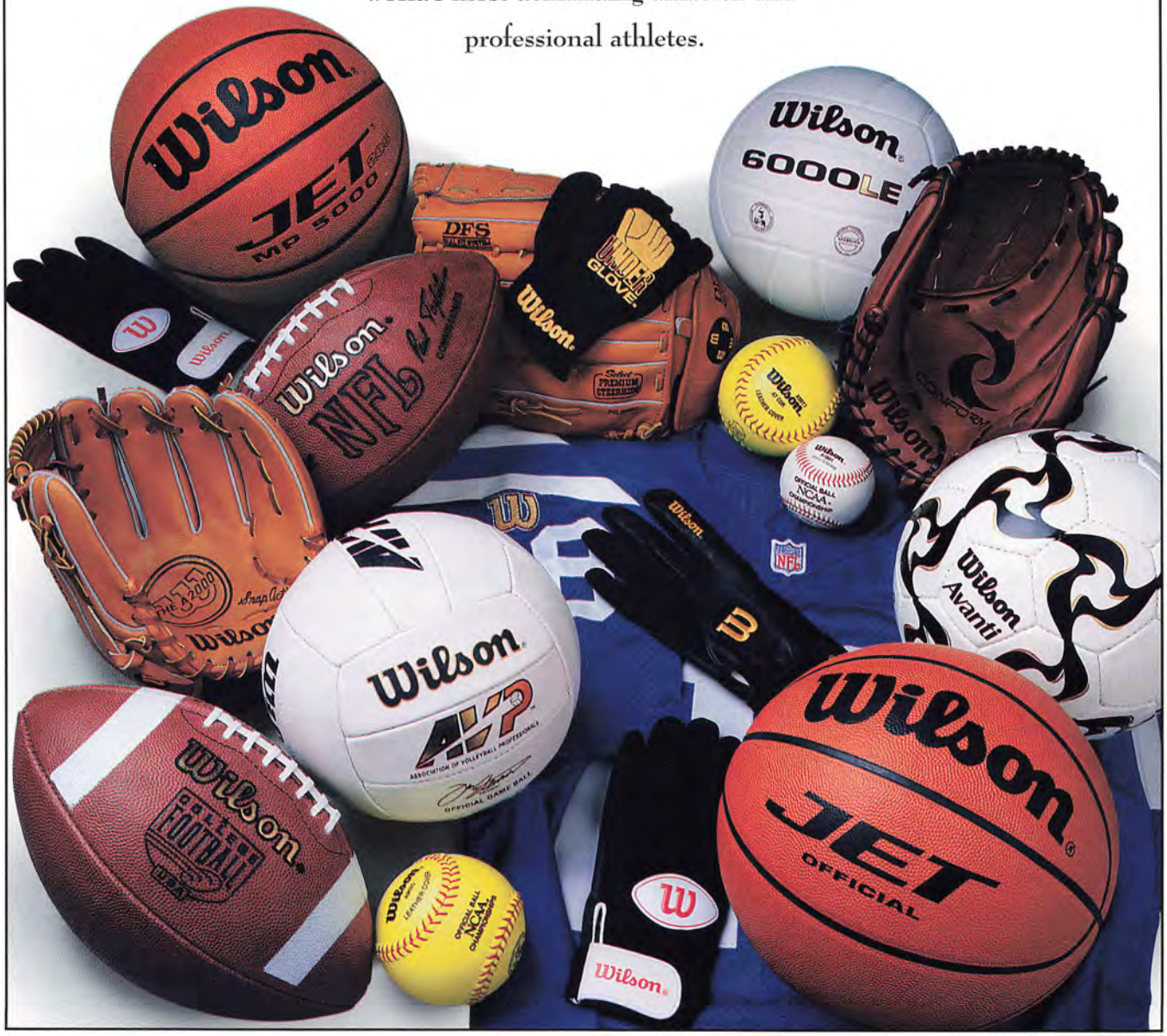

HOULIHAN'S STADIUM FACTS AND INFORMATION

STADIUM FACTS

- Dedicated November 4, 1967 - 46,500 seats
- Enlarged for first NFL Season 1976 - 72,000 seats
- Host to Super Bowl XVIII, January 22, 1984 (Raiders 38-Redskins 9)
- Host to Super Bowl XXV, January 27, 1991 (Giants 20-Bills 19)
- Inaugural season for University of South Florida Bulls football - Div IAA
- First of 12 Outback Bowls, December 23, 1986 (Boston College 27, Georgia 24) – formerly Hall of Fame Bowl
- Home to Major League Soccer's Tampa Bay Mutiny
- Capacity 74,301 seats
- Surface: Bermuda Tifton 419 w/underground drainage & 18" crown
- Consistently ranked as the top NFL turf field

GUEST SERVICES

- 8 booths located in front & back of stadium office and just inside Gates 1-4 & on the east & west upper level for information or problems

RESTROOMS

- Located in upper & lower concourses
- Handicap & companion - lower north endzone inside Gate 3A
- Baby changing area in most men's & women's facilities

TELEPHONES & LISTENING DEVICES

- Located in upper & lower concourses
- Turnaround booth
- Front of Stadium office
- Hearing aid compatible w/volume control available
- TDD machine & assistive listening devices are available in stadium office

FIRST AID

- Located on lower east (Gate 4) & west (Gate 2) concourses
- Paramedics are stationed throughout the seating area - notify the nearest usher or security personnel

LOST & FOUND

- Stadium office - lower south endzone
- Phone - weekdays - (813) 673-4300

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- Only medical pages will be made during the game
- Doctors - request paging numbers at info service booths in stadium

PASS-OUT & RE-ENTRY GATES

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- Located on lower east side between Gates 3 & 4
- Game ticket & pass-out cards are required for re-entry

BANNERS

- Must be checked by Florida Highway Patrol before display
- No advertisement - No wood or metal
- Must be in good taste
- May not be hung adjacent to or over equipment or existing signage

STADIUM POLICIES

- Umbrellas – not permitted
- For courtesy – restrict movement to breaks in the action
- No profanity, disruptive behavior or throwing of objects
- No standing in aisles or at walls inside stadium
- Standing/sitting in or on the following areas of the stadium is prohibited: Aisles, Ramps, Perimeter Wall, Bleachers, Benchbacks, Lower & Upper Walkways
- No cups on walls

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BANKING/TRAVELERS' CHECKS

- Stadium Dollar machines on lower east & west levels
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- Complimentary cups of ice available at all concession stands – tap water at water fountains near restrooms

CAMERAS

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- No commercial use of photos shot in Houlihan's Stadium
- NFL rules prohibit video camcorders

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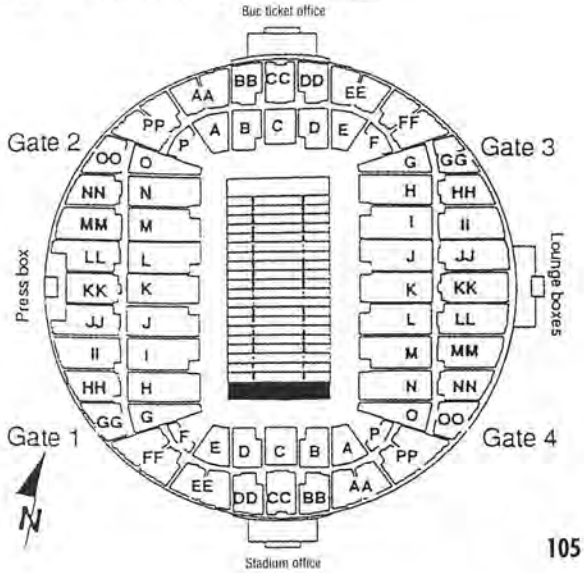

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Two separate awards are presented each year to the team member chosen as the Bucs' Most Valuable Player. The St. Petersburg Times' award is determined by a vote of writers who regularly cover the team. The Tampa Sports Club, a cross section of the Tampa sports community, votes for its award. The Newspaper Enterprise Association no longer conducts a poll which was won in 1977 and 1979 by Lee Roy Selmon, in 1976 by Dave Pear and in 1978 by David Lewis.

St. Petersburg Times (media)	
1976	Dave Pear
1977	Lee Roy Selmon
1978	Dewey Selmon
1979	Ricky Bell
1980	Doug Williams
1981	Doug Williams
1982	Neal Colzie
1983	Hugh Green
1984	James Wilder
1985	James Wilder
1986	Steve Young
1987	Steve DeBerg
1988	Bruce Hill
1989	Mark Carrier
1990	Wayne Haddix
1991	Broderick Thomas
1992	Reggie Cobb
1993	Hardy Nickerson
1994	Paul Gruber
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QB Doug Williams was team MVP in both 1980 and 1981.

Tampa Sports Club (fan)	
1976	Dave Pear
1977	Lee Roy Selmon
1978	Mark Cotney
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1980	Doug Williams
1981	Cedric Brown
1982	James Wilder
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1993	Hardy Nickerson
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1996	Derrick Brooks

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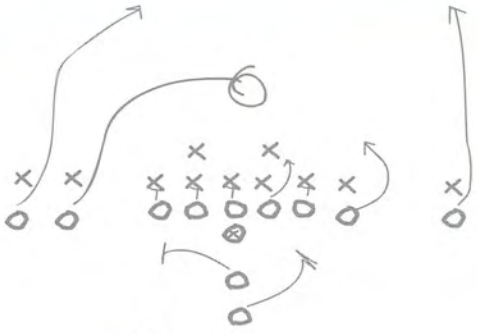

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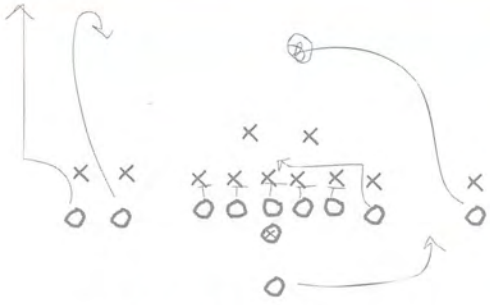

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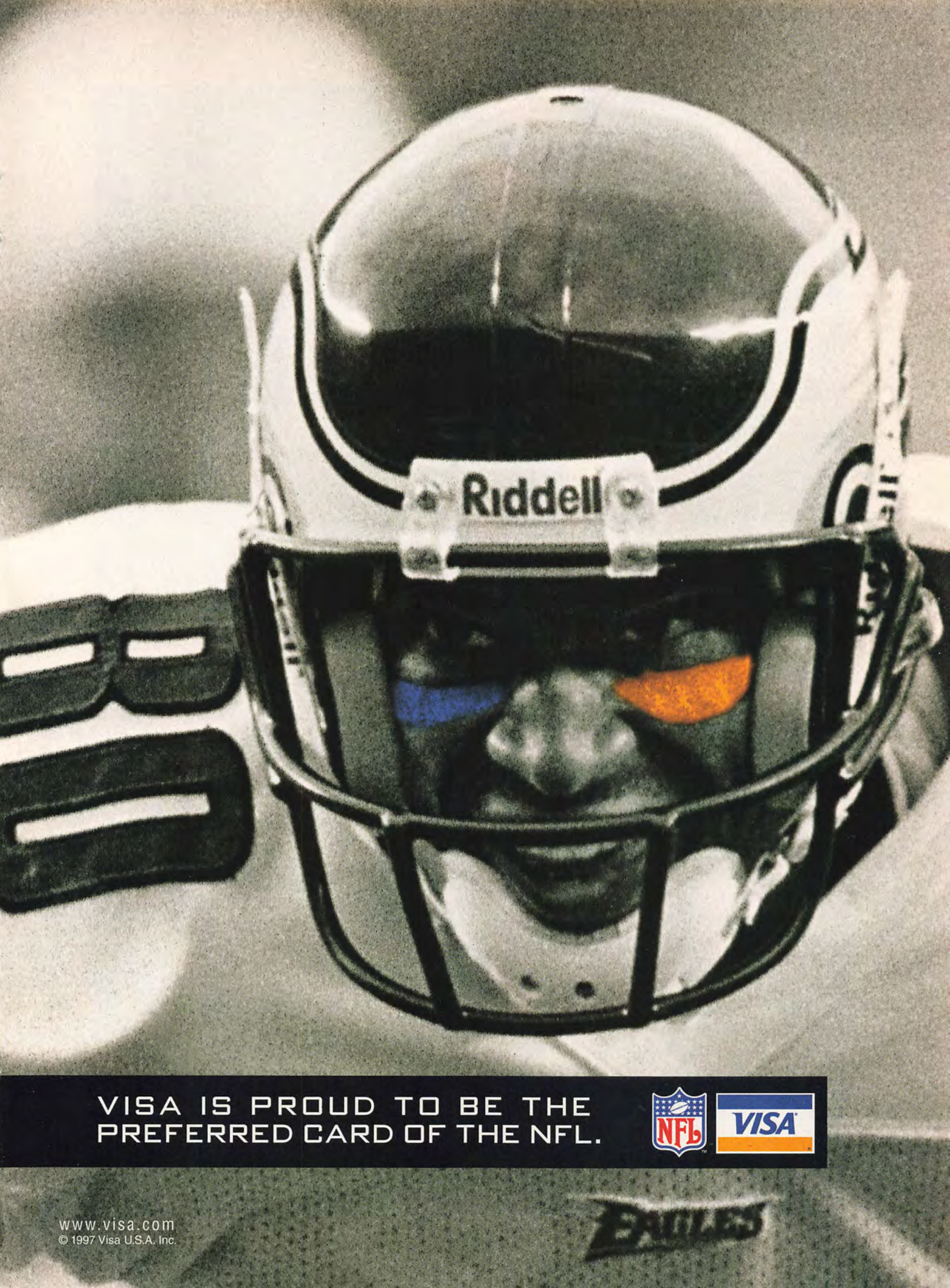

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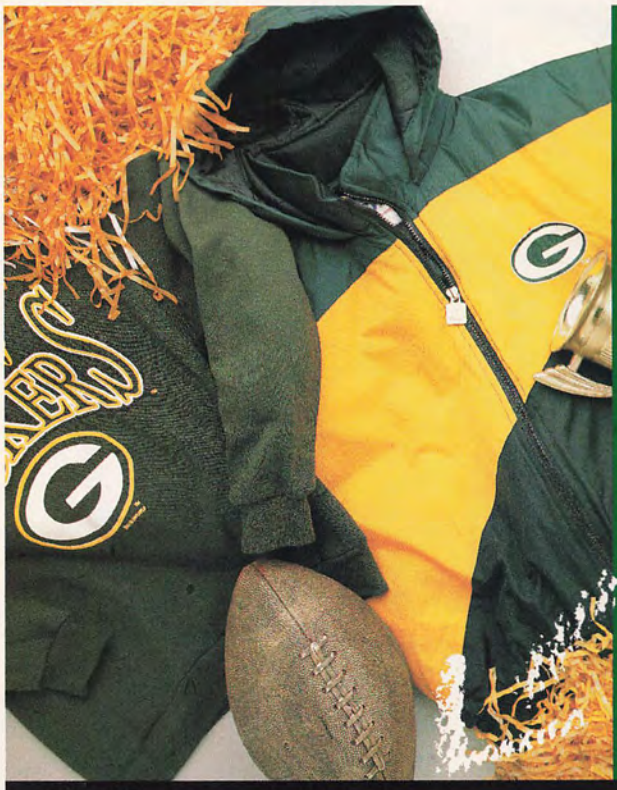

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Yesterday and Today: Wide Receivers

By Phil Barber

• Third in a Series

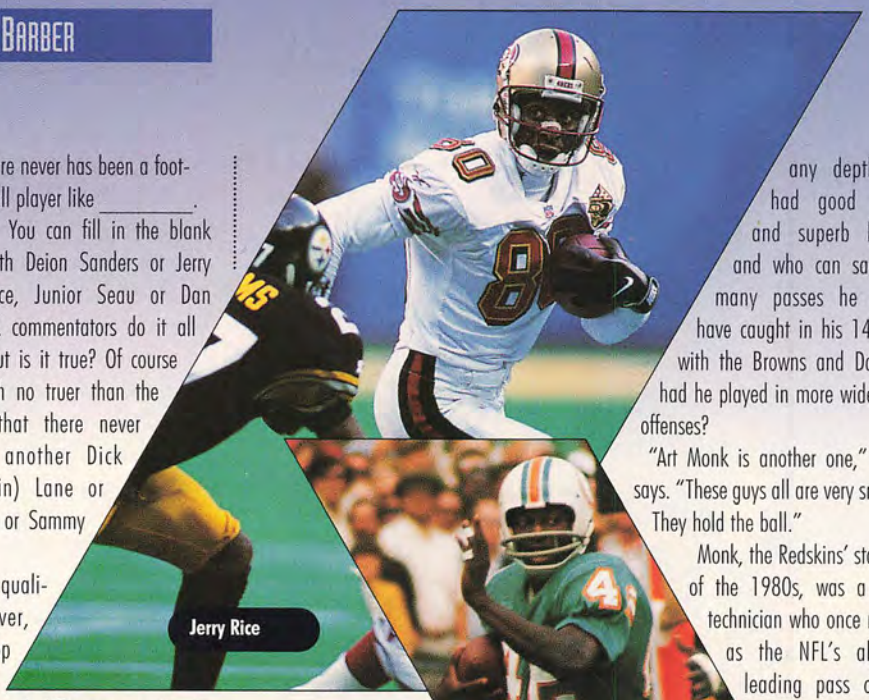
There never has been a football player like _____.

You can fill in the blank with Deion Sanders or Jerry Rice, Junior Seau or Dan Marino. NFL commentators do it all the time. But is it true? Of course it is, though no truer than the statement that there never has been another Dick (Night Train) Lane or Don Hutson or Sammy Baugh.

Certain qualities, however, tend to pop up in different players and different eras. At the same time, the way an athlete combines those traits—and his experiences along the way—makes him unique. So it's impossible to say that Junior Seau is a direct "clone" of, say, Willie Lanier. But it is valid to draw some comparisons. So we enlisted a panel of experts—football coaches, writers, and scouts whose association with the game goes back at least to the 1950s—and asked them to make a few analogies between the stars of today and yesterday.

Their responses might help to explain what makes a football star a star. And if you are too young to remember the heroes of yesteryear, it may give you an idea of what those guys were like in their primes.

In any case, *GameDay* will look at each position group in a series of analyses. In this one, we examine wide receivers.



Jerry Rice

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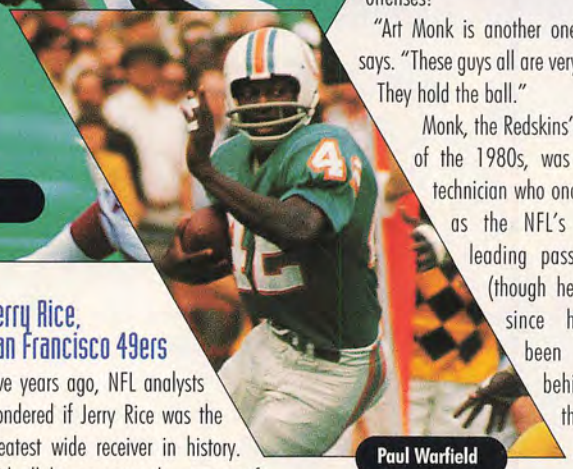

Paul Warfield

Malcolm Emmons

Jerry Rice, San Francisco 49ers

Five years ago, NFL analysts wondered if Jerry Rice was the greatest wide receiver in history. With all due respect to the memory of Don Hutson, the issue may be past debate. The question now is whether Rice is the best player ever—at any position.

Still, the 49ers' star reminds our panel of a lot of former pass catchers. "Paul Warfield was similar, but he couldn't prove it," says Bob Oates, resident football authority for the *Los Angeles Times* and *Los Angeles Herald* for more than 40 years. "The Dolphins won a championship one time and only threw seven passes."

That was Super Bowl VIII, Miami's methodical 24-7 victory over the Vikings, and Oates's point is well taken. Like Rice, Warfield could catch passes at just about any depth. He had good speed and superb hands, and who can say how many passes he would have caught in his 14 years with the Browns and Dolphins had he played in more wide-open offenses?

"Art Monk is another one," Oates says. "These guys all are very smooth. They hold the ball."

Monk, the Redskins' standout of the 1980s, was a lanky technician who once ranked as the NFL's all-time leading pass catcher (though he since has been left behind by the tireless Rice).

Both of Oates's offerings are seconded elsewhere. Jack Faulkner, the veteran NFL coach and scout who now serves as the Rams' administrator of pro personnel, calls Rice "big and dependable," which he says reminds him of Monk. And Harold Rosenthal, who wrote for the *New York Herald Tribune* for more than 20 years before stints in both the AFL and NFL offices, brings up Warfield.

"Paul Warfield was good at going over the middle," Rosenthal says. "He was not terribly big [Rice, at 6 feet 2 inches and 200 pounds, falls somewhere between Warfield and Monk in size], but he was graceful."

Milt Davis, who retired after 30 years of active scouting with four NFL teams (most recently the Detroit Lions), tosses out another name. "Raymond Berry was a slow Jerry Rice: the go-to guy in the clutch," Davis says. "With these guys, everything is timing, moves, and anticipation."

Final analysis: 50 percent Paul Warfield, 25 percent Art Monk, 25 percent Raymond Berry.

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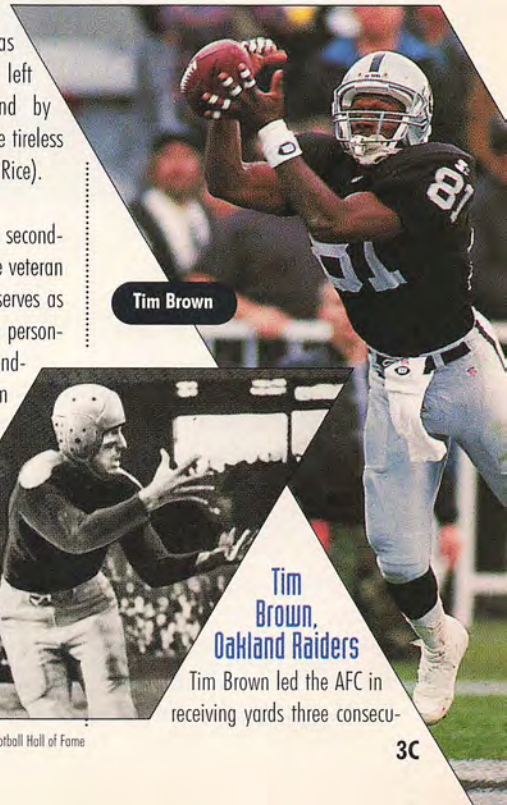
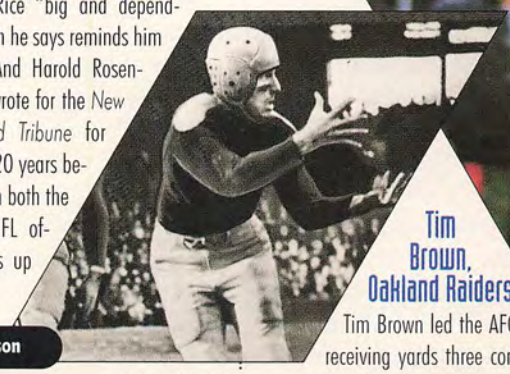


Tim Brown



Don Hutson

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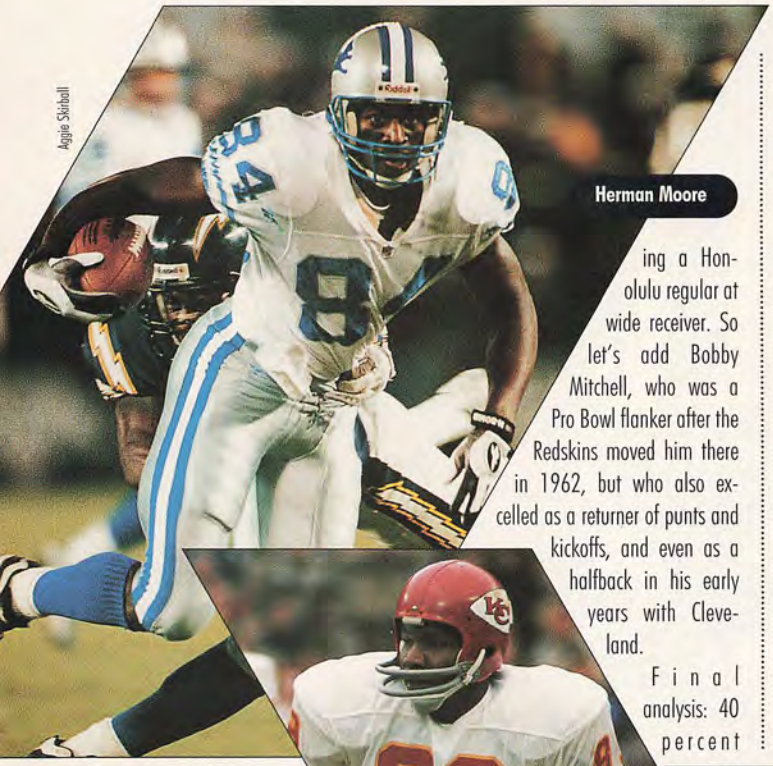
Tim Brown, Oakland Raiders

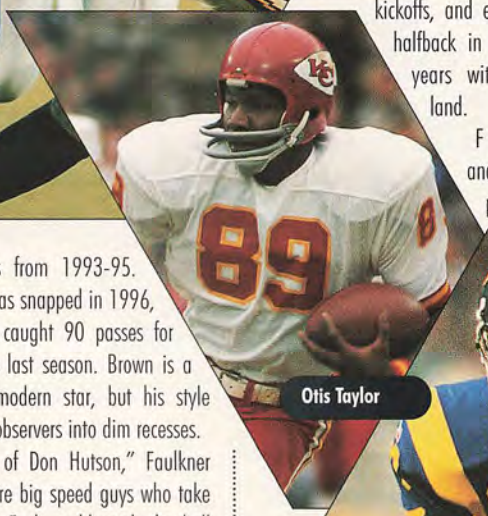
Tim Brown led the AFC in receiving yards three consecu-



Aggie Skrbiak

ing a Honolulu regular at wide receiver. So let's add Bobby Mitchell, who was a Pro Bowl flanker after the Redskins moved him there in 1962, but who also excelled as a returner of punts and kickoffs, and even as a halfback in his early years with Cleveland.

Final analysis: 40 percent Don Hutson, 40 percent Tom Fears, 20 percent Bobby Mitchell.



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Herman Moore, Detroit Lions

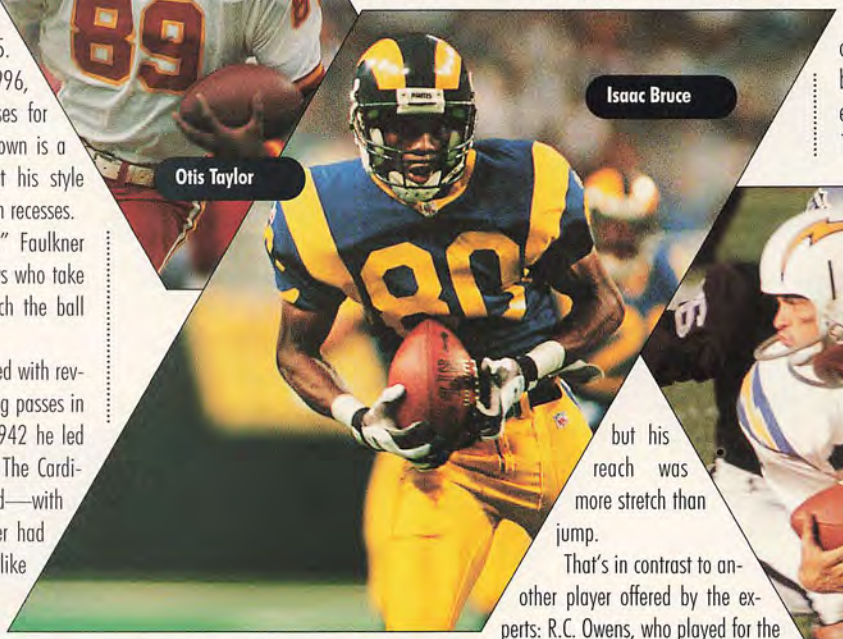
Herman Moore is at the forefront of the new breed of NFL wide receiver—the new "evolutionary phenotype," as doctorate-holder Milt Davis says.

The Smurfs of the early 1980s are long gone, replaced by men who are big and strong enough to get past the bump at the line, and to outmaneuver defensive backs when the ball is in the air. Moore used his height (6 feet 3 inches) and leaping ability (he set the University of Virginia high-jump record) to catch an NFL-record 123 passes in 1995.

"You see his size and you think of Otis Taylor," Faulkner says, a reference to the athletic receiver who caught Len Dawson's passes for the Chiefs in the late sixties and early seventies.

"Taylor was very big and physical," Oates says, echoing the comparison to Moore. "I thought Kansas City might not have won the Super Bowl without him. Harold Carmichael was another like that."

Taylor's 6 catches for 81 yards were a big part of the Chiefs' 23-7 victory over Minnesota in Super Bowl IV, especially his 46-yard touchdown reception that effectively squashed the NFL representative in the third quarter. As for Carmichael, he looked out of position at 6 feet 8 inches, but he led the league with 67 catches in 1973 and later helped the Eagles to Super Bowl XV. Carmichael, like Moore, came down with most of the high ones, but his reach was more stretch than jump.



Mitchell Conroy

That's in contrast to another player offered by the experts: R.C. Owens, who played for the 49ers, Colts, and Giants from 1957-1964. Owens wasn't as accomplished as some of the other receivers in this compendium, but he'll always be remembered for the Alley-Oop play. San Francisco's Y.A. Tittle would lob a rainbow into the end zone and Owens, a basketball player at the College of Idaho, usually would out jump everyone at the receiving end.

Final analysis: 60 percent Otis Taylor, 30 percent R.C. Owens, 10 percent Harold Carmichael.

Isaac Bruce, St. Louis Rams

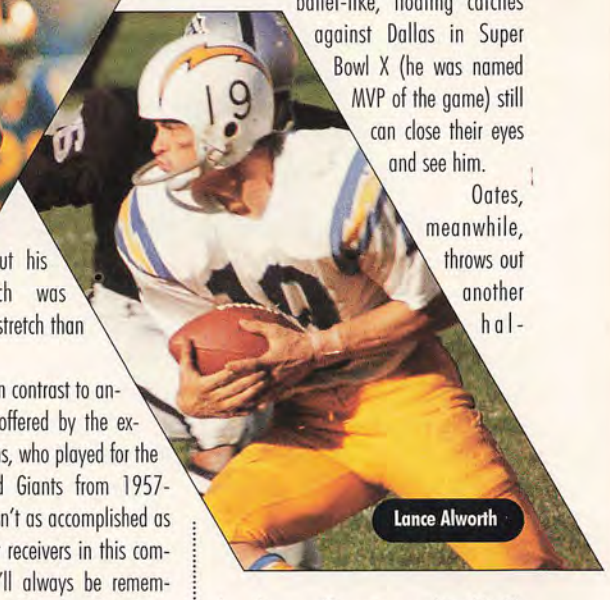
After only three years in the NFL, Isaac Bruce realistically can be acknowledged as the game's premier deep threat. In 1995 and 1996 combined, he blistered opposing defenses for 3,119 yards—and he did it for an offense that ranked twenty-seventh in the league last year.

"I think of Lance Alworth when I watch him," Davis says. "Alworth was a fluid guy who could beat you in an instant."

Alworth—a member of the NFL's 75th Anniversary All-Time Team, as were Berry, Hutson, and Rice—defined the high-flying American Football League with his relentless speed and grace. "He made it look like a wide-open game because he was always wide open," Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt once said.

"He can make great catches," Faulkner says of Bruce, whom he helped scout for the Rams. "That's like Alworth or Lynn Swann."

Swann, who has failed to gain entry into the Pro Football Hall of Fame because he didn't put up big career numbers, nevertheless was the most celebrated and emulated wide receiver of the 1970s. Those who watched Swann's ballet-like, floating catches against Dallas in Super Bowl X (he was named MVP of the game) still can close their eyes and see him.

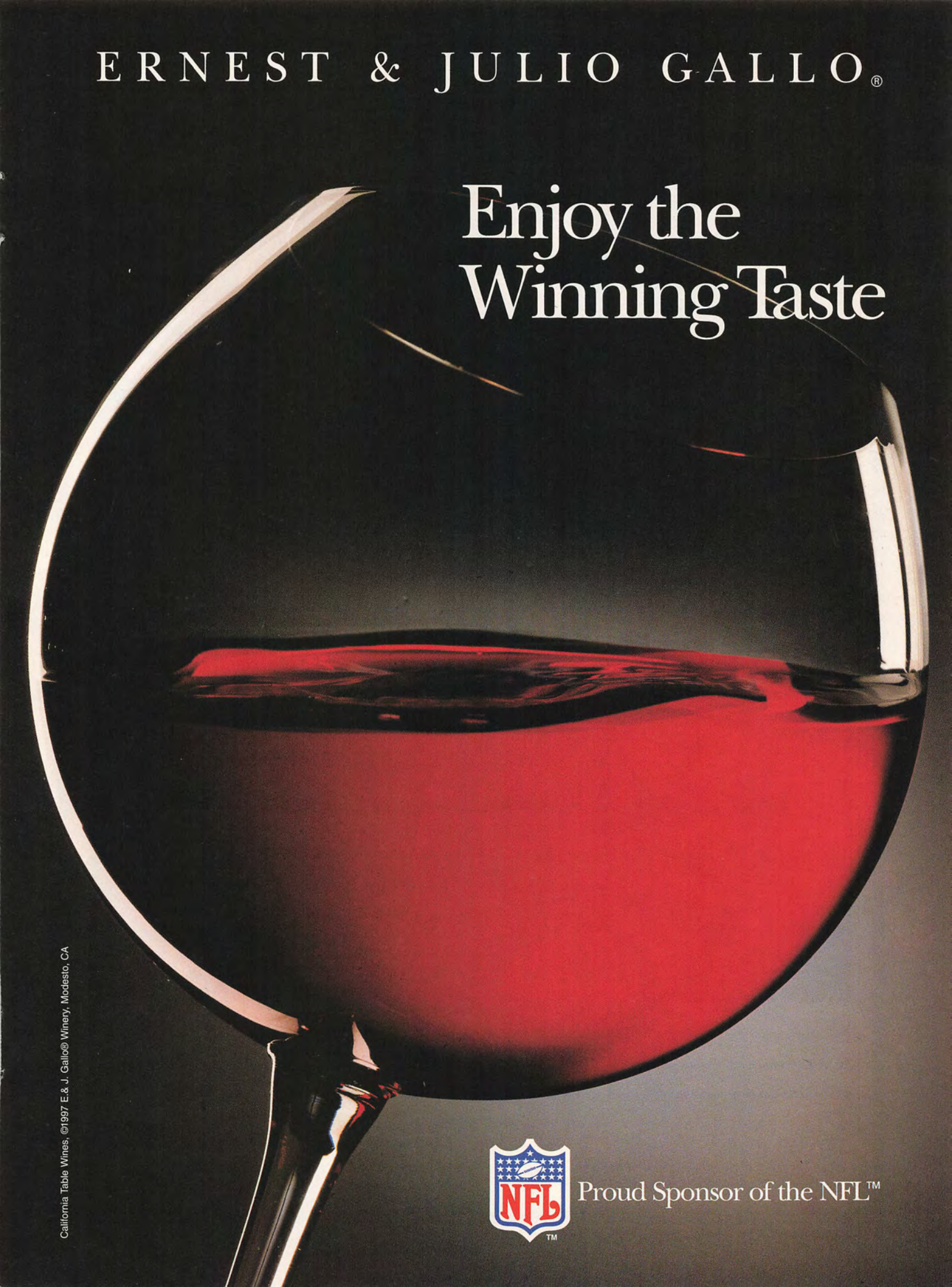


Fred Kaplan

Oates, meanwhile, throws out another hallowed name. "Bruce is something like Elroy Hirsch," he says.

Hirsch, who played with Fears in Los Angeles and was dubbed "Crazylegs" for his jittery running style, was an explosive pass catcher for the Rams in the 1950s. The swift flanker had 53 touchdown receptions and averaged 18.4 yards per catch during his career.

Final analysis: 50 percent Lance Alworth, 25 percent Lynn Swann, 25 percent Elroy Hirsch. ●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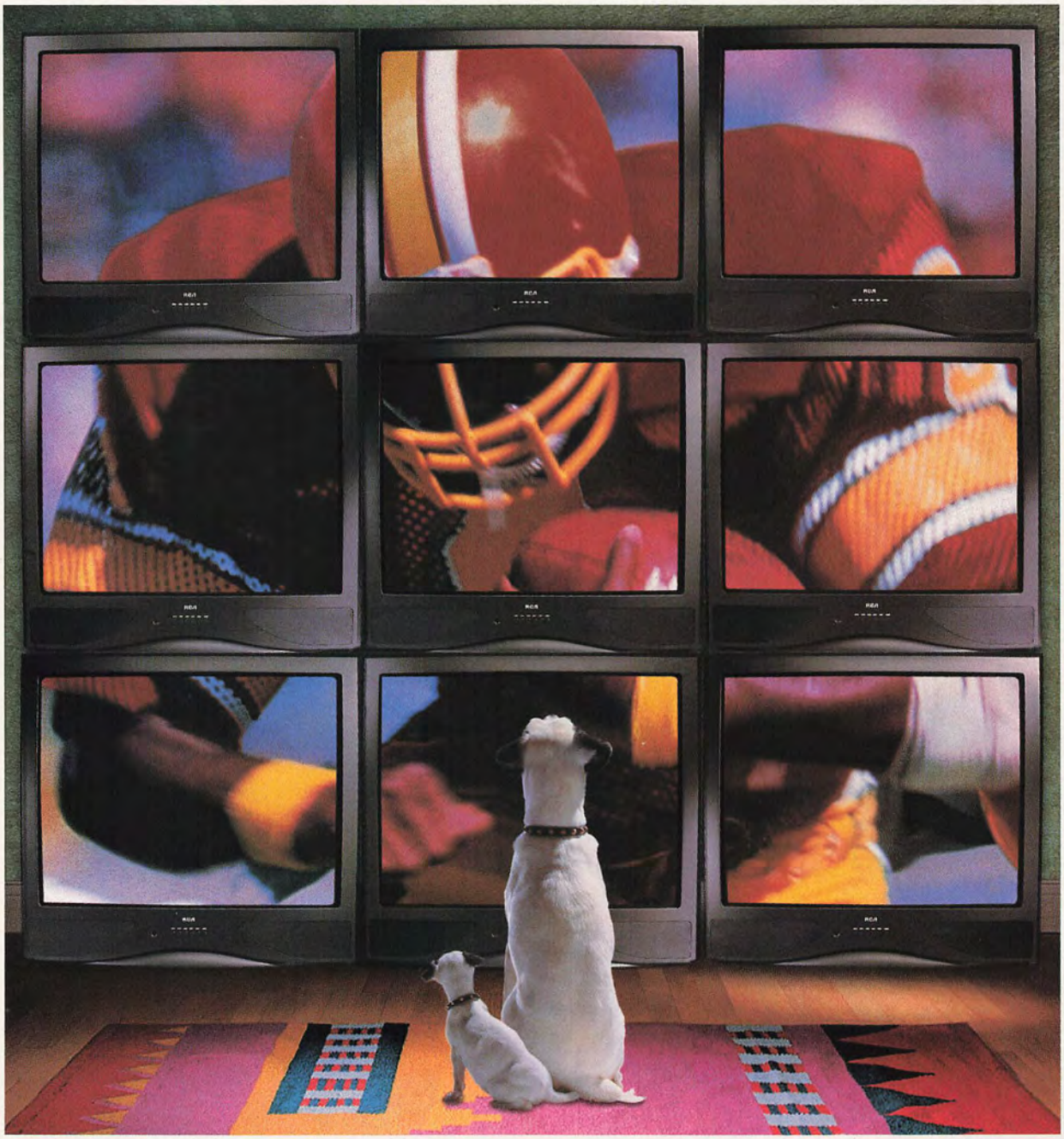

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Kicks Are for Kids

Punts, Passes, and Playing Football Are Tools in a Wide Range of NFL Programs for Youngsters

By James Buckley, Jr.

"We worked real hard in the summer, and that made the difference. We practiced every day, even if the weather was bad. It was all worth it. I know one thing: I plan to be back here next year."

A grizzled NFL veteran reflecting on the road to the Super Bowl? A coach celebrating his latest NFL championship? A rookie eager to earn a starting job?

No, that was an 11-year-old girl, Tonya Callahan.

Tonya made those comments after her national age-group championship in last year's NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick competition. With a final-round score of 212 feet, Tonya was one of four female age-group winners in the first year of separate boys' and girls' divisions.

She was among more than 125,000 girls and 425,000 boys ages 8-15 who participated in the annual youth football skills competition.

Tonya wasn't alone at the finals, which were held before an AFC Divisional Playoff Game at New England's Foxboro Stadium. Tonya's brother, Shawn, 14, was the national champion in his division, the first time a brother-sister duo has brought home top honors.

Recent surveys have confirmed that football is the most popular sport among boys and is growing in popularity among girls.

By any measure, the popularity of football in general and the NFL in particular is growing among young people. A 1997 *Sports Illustrated for Kids* survey found that the sport is the most popular among boys, and that it is growing in popularity among girls.

Recognizing this growth, the league has made "Play Football!" a rallying cry to bring more young people into football. Punt, Pass & Kick is just one avenue the NFL offers for young football players to play the game. While not every youngster can strap on pads and take part in tackle football, the NFL is showing that there are no reasons every child can't play some form of football.

"We want to give as many kids as possible the chance to play football,"

David Drapkin

NFL Photos

Keith Nordstrom

says Scott Lancaster, director of youth development for NFL Properties.

Along with more than 500,000 boys and girls who took part in more than 3,000 local PP&K competitions, thousands more took part in NFL flag leagues set up in 13 NFL cities.

The NFL envisions the leagues spreading nationwide in a few years, building toward a national championship (like Little League Baseball's) by the turn of the century.

In NFL Flag, boys and girls ages 6-14 take part in a variety of four-on-four or five-on-five competitions. Not all are of the "everybody-go-long" variety. Different games are offered for younger players to encourage skills development and equal participation by all. Working with local Police Athletic Leagues and parks and recreation departments, NFL Flag plans to reach more than 50,000 young players in its fall, 1997, and spring, 1998 seasons.

In addition, in each of the 13 markets hosting leagues, 100 elementary and junior high schools will include NFL Flag in their physical education programs.

NFL CITY (Challenge and Inspire Today's Youth), an offshoot of NFL Flag, aims to bring a positive, organized physical activity to inner-city youngsters who often don't have leagues or fields available to them.

NFL CITY began in 1996 in three cities and has doubled its reach in 1997 to include Chicago, Detroit, New York/Newark, New Orleans, Oakland, and a special Super Bowl XXXII edition in San Diego.

The nine-month program encompasses flag leagues, PP&K competitions, and summer day camps for boys and girls ages 6-14. The NFL supplies all of the equipment and trains local coaches to lead the young players on and off the field.

"This is a great program for kids," says Jets wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson, who helped kick off the NFL CITY program in New York. "I wish they had had it when I was younger. Anytime you can influence kids in a positive way, you're doing the right thing."

Another part of the Play Football campaign that continues to expand is the NFL Starter Training Camps, held last summer at NFL team facilities.

Thousands of youngsters 8-14 participated in the one-day camps, which emphasized noncontact football skills and teamwork. The campers took part in games modeled after the Quarterback Challenge, Lineman Challenge, and Run to Daylight competitions that feature NFL stars. In addition, clinics were led by NFL and local college coaches. NFL players attended, signed autographs, and worked with the kids during games and activities.

Learning of another sort is the focus of another aspect of Play Football: the NFL/JCPenney/Starter Take a Player to School contest. In every NFL city, elementary and middle-school students can enter a drawing at local JCPenney stores. The winner of the drawing becomes the hero for the day at his or her school when a player from the local team comes to spend time at school.

The players, who have included Pro Bowl stars such as Tampa Bay linebacker Hardy Nickerson and Dallas running back Emmitt Smith in past seasons, address a student assembly, spend time in the winner's classroom, sign autographs, and hand out important words of advice.

The emphasis, however, is on the advice, not the autographs. The program encourages education, literacy, and attendance using the drawing power of an NFL player.

Play Football also has entered the computer age in a big way this year with the development of the first Play Football Web site.

Play Football Online, a key component of nfl.com, the official NFL Web site, offers the latest NFL news written especially for kids, contests, and interactive games.

Young Web surfers can learn where to write for players' autographs, and can obtain information about all the NFL Play Football programs. ●

Youngsters can showcase their skills at NFL Training Camps or in the Punt, Pass and Kick competition.

Todd Rosenberg

1996 Champions

New champions will be crowned in January, 1998. Here are last year's winners:

Age	Boys/Girls
8-9	Matt Talley, Fostoria, Ohio/ Christine Zinanti, Pueblo, Colorado
10-11	Phillip Daughtery, Decatur, Texas/ Tonya Callahan, Holden, Missouri
12-13	Amit Rattan, Beaver, Oregon/ Jessica Pruett, Whitesboro, Texas
14-15	Shawn Callahan, Holden, Missouri/ Kendra Wecker, Marysville, Kansas

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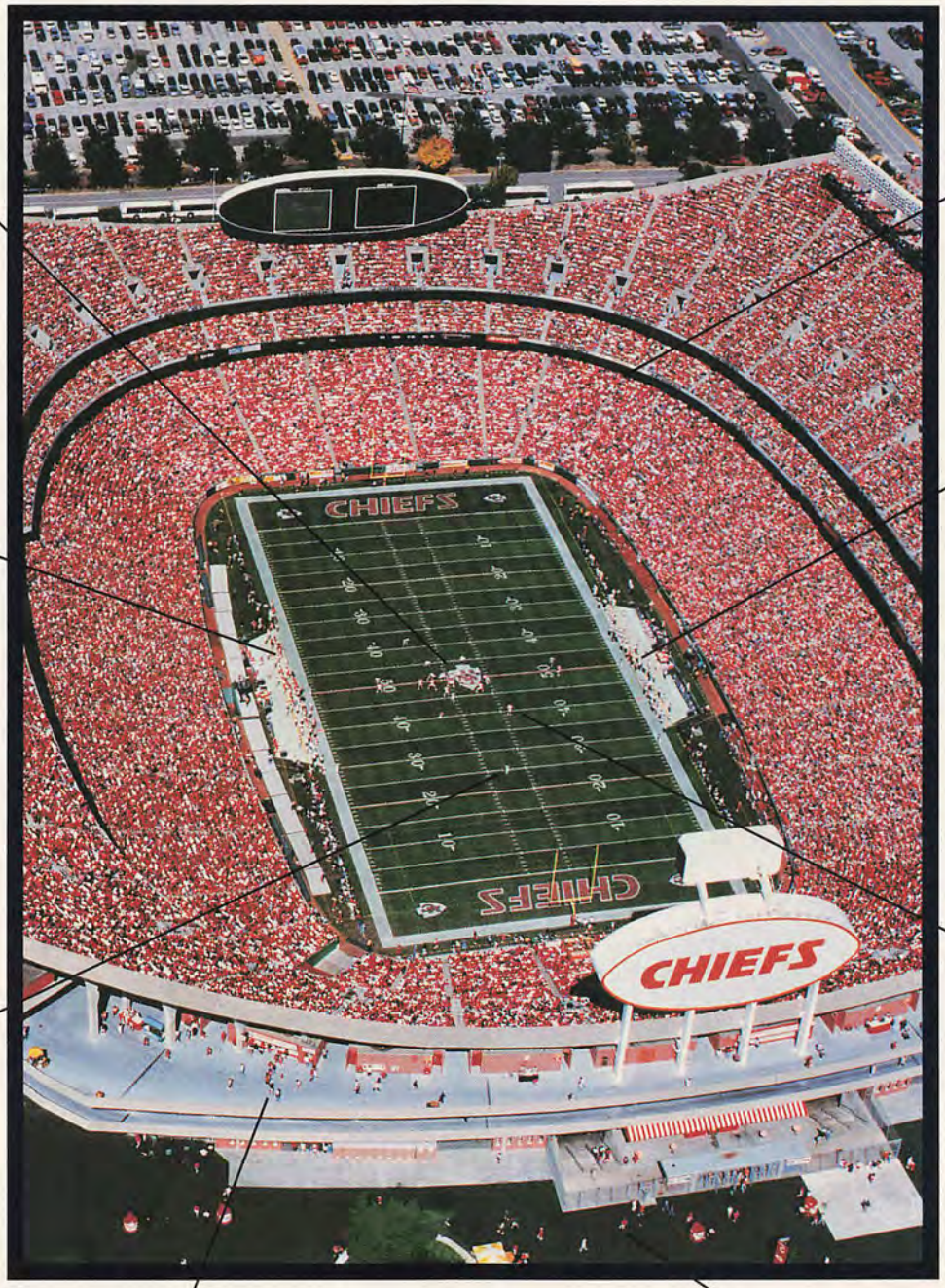

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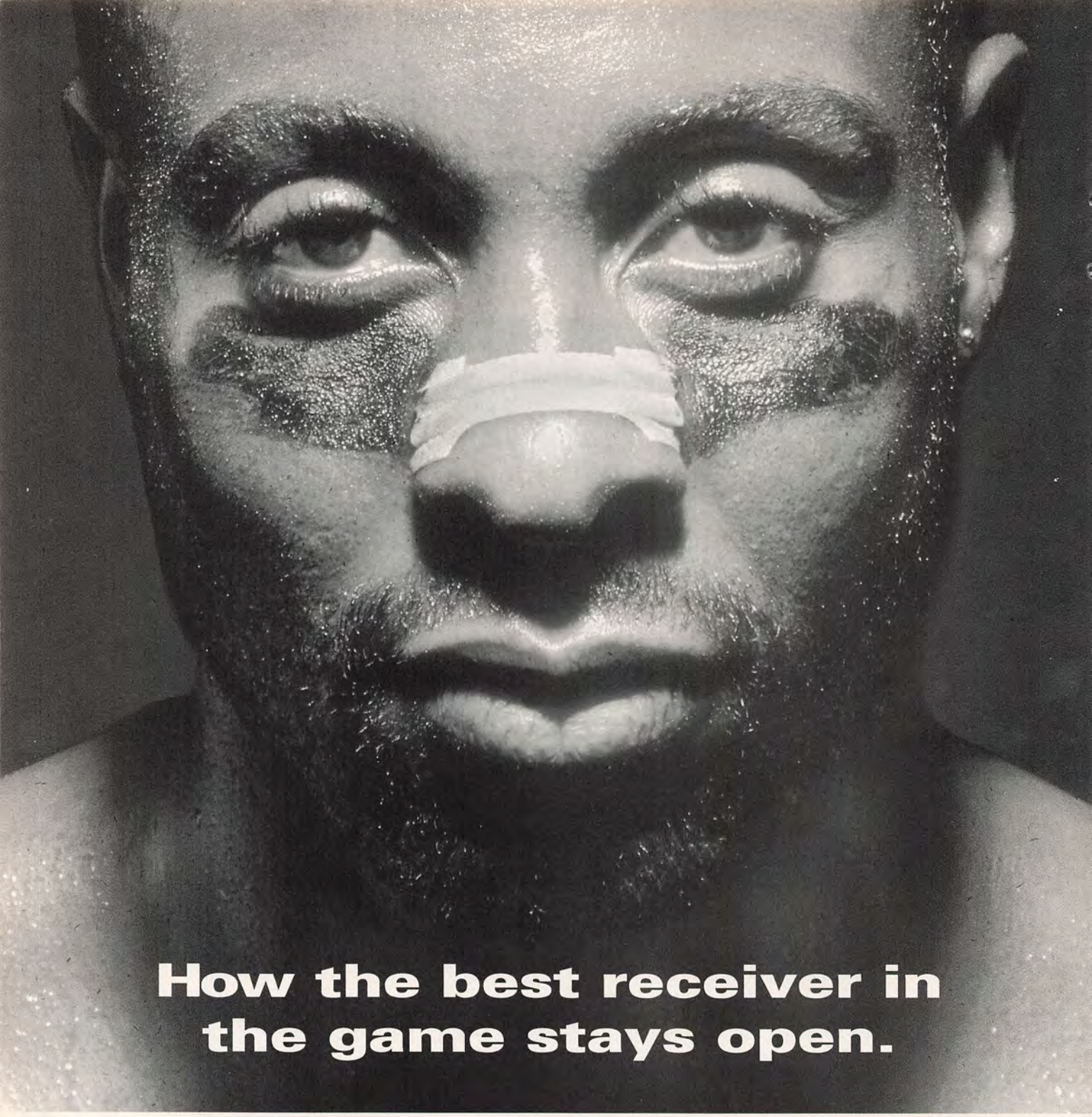

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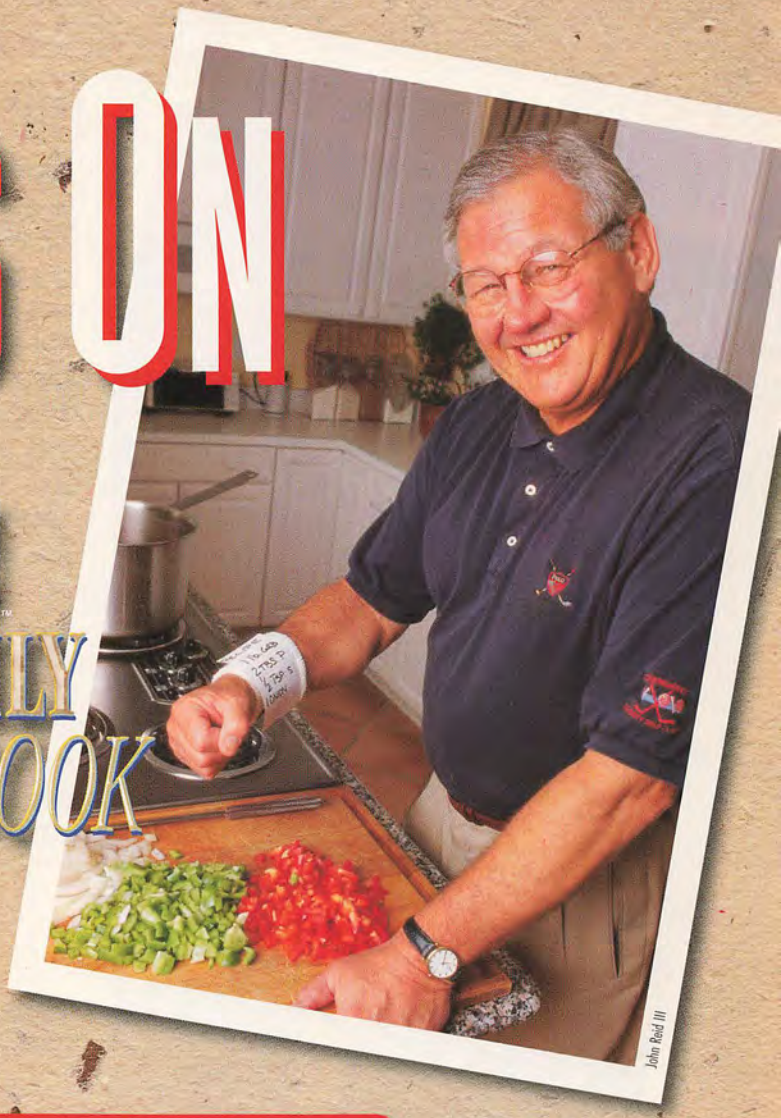
SOUP'S ON

The following recipes are excerpted from *The NFL Family Cookbook*, available this fall from the NFL and Smithmark Publishers. The cookbook presents recipes and entertaining ideas from the entire extended family of the National Football League. It is the definitive playbook for NFL entertaining. Recipes are accompanied by photographs and brief features on the NFL personality who provided them, and are organized around the highlight events of the NFL calendar, such as Draft Day and the Super Bowl. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Hunger Related Charities in the names of all the project's participants. *The NFL Family Cookbook* is available in bookstores everywhere.

THE NFL FAMILY COOKBOOK



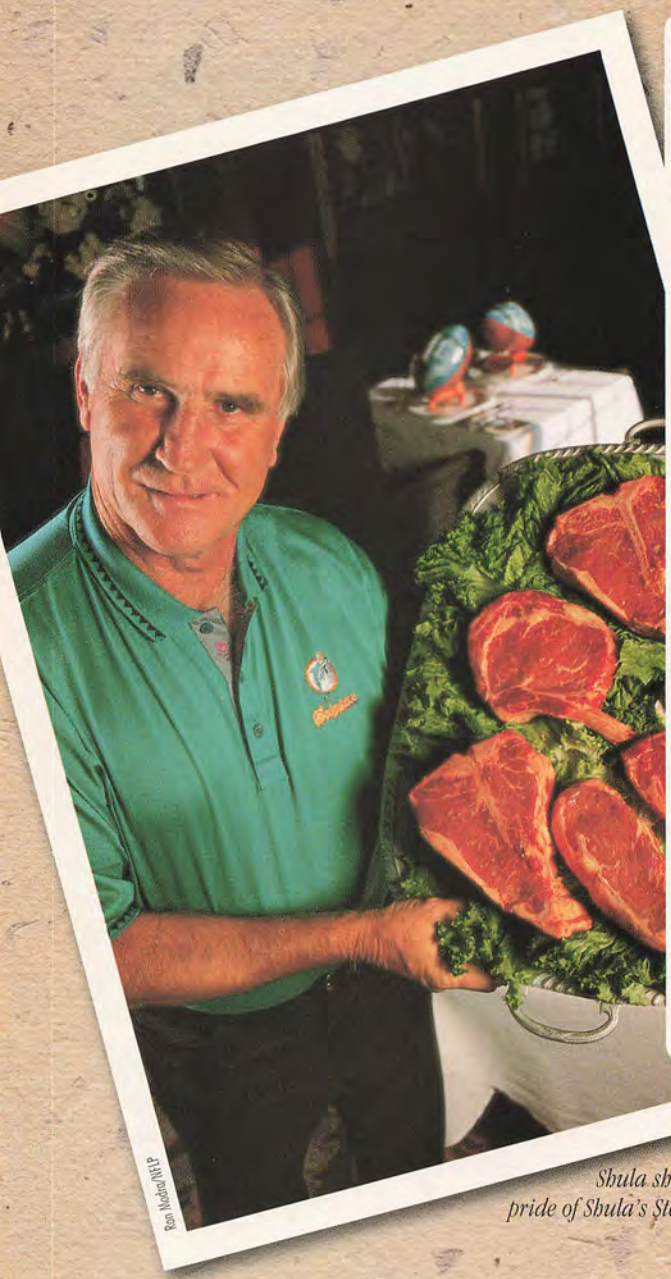
Matte checks his wrist pad for help—a trick he learned while filling in at quarterback for the Colts in 1965.

Italian Sausage Soup With Tortellini

1. Remove the sausage from the casings. In a heavy skillet, sauté until cooked through. Drain off any grease.
2. In a large, heavy-bottomed soup pot, sauté the onions and garlic in the olive oil until the onions are soft. Add the sausage, broth, water, wine, and tomato sauce. Bring to a boil, then reduce to simmer.
3. Add the tomatoes, carrots, zucchini, basil, and oregano. Simmer until the vegetables are tender, 45 minutes to 1 hour.
4. Add the tortellini to the pot approximately 10 minutes before serving (depending on the type of tortellini used; follow package cooking directions if not using fresh tortellini).
5. Serve the soup in bowls. Sprinkle a little parsley on the top of each serving along with grated Parmesan cheese, if desired.

(From former Colts running back Tom Matte)

- **1 lb Italian sausage (½ lb sweet and ½ lb hot recommended)**
- **1 Tbs olive oil**
- **1 cup onion, coarsely chopped**
- **4-6 garlic cloves, thinly sliced**
- **2 cups beef broth**
- **½ cup water**
- **½ cup dry red wine**
- **1 can (8 oz) tomato sauce**
- **4 medium tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and chopped**
- **1 cup small zucchini, thinly sliced**
- **1 cup carrots, thinly sliced**
- **½ tsp basil**
- **¾ tsp oregano**
- **8 oz fresh meat- or cheese-filled tortellini (or 2 cups frozen)**
- **3 Tbs Italian parsley, minced**
- **grated Parmesan cheese, to taste**



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Shula shows off the pride of Shula's Steak House.

Hungarian Steak Soup

1. In a large, heavy-bottomed stew pot, sear the beef cubes on all sides. Add the garlic and sauté for a few minutes.
2. Add the carrots, onion, and celery and cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned. Add the paprika and cook for 5 minutes.
3. Add the tomato paste and then, gradually, the flour. Lower the heat to simmer and stir well while cooking. (The mixture in the pot will get thick and heavy; don't allow to burn on the bottom of the pot.)
4. Add the cans of stock and the cans of water as directed on the can labels and bring the pot to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 10-15 minutes.
5. Add the tomato purée, caraway seeds, and oregano. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 45 minutes. Adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper, and serve hot.

(From Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Don Shula)

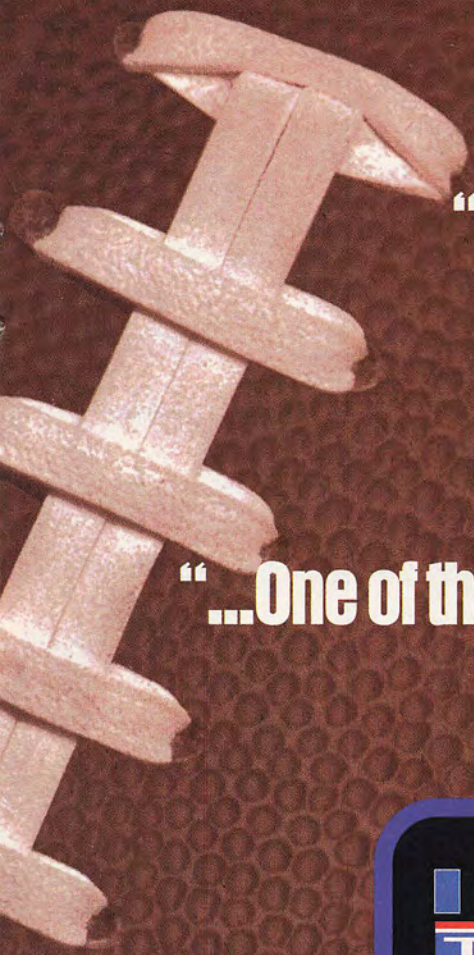
- **3-4 lbs steak or stew beef, cut into 1" cubes**
- **4 large cloves garlic, finely chopped**
- **3-4 carrots, diced**
- **1 large onion, diced**
- **3 stalks celery, diced**
- **2½ Tbs paprika (Hungarian preferred)**
- **1½ cans (6 oz each) tomato paste**
- **¾ cup flour**
- **6 cans (10½ oz) double strength beef stock**
- **1 can (28 oz) tomato purée**
- **2½ Tbs caraway seeds**
- **1 Tbs dried oregano**
- **salt and pepper to taste**

Hamburger Soup

1. In a large frying pan, brown the hamburger and crumble into small pieces. Drain the grease and set aside.
2. In a large soup pot, sauté the onions and garlic in the butter until the onions begin to color.
3. Add the hamburger meat to the pot, then add all the other ingredients. Stir well. Bring the pot to a boil, then reduce heat. Simmer the soup until the vegetables are tender, about 30-40 minutes.

(From Broncos quarterback John Elway)

- **2-3 lbs lean hamburger**
- **1-2 medium onions, chopped**
- **1 clove garlic, minced**
- **2 Tbs butter**
- **3 cans (10¾ oz each) beef broth**
- **2 cans (10 oz each) diced tomatoes with green chiles**
- **1 medium can (15 oz) tomato sauce**
- **1 cup potatoes, diced (with skin)**
- **1 cup carrots, diced**
- **1 cup celery, diced**
- **1 can (14½ oz) french-style green beans**
- **1 cup dry red wine**
- **1 Tbs parsley, minced**
- **½ tsp basil**
- **salt and pepper, to taste**



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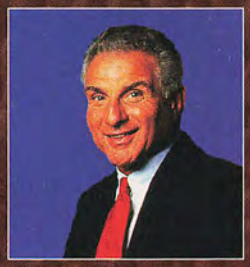

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Remembering Hutson

The Packers' Hall-of-Fame end was in a class by himself.

NFL Photos

Looking back on the life of Pro Football Hall of Fame wide receiver Don Hutson, who died at 84 last summer, we are reminded of the incredible numbers Hutson posted during his 11-year NFL career.

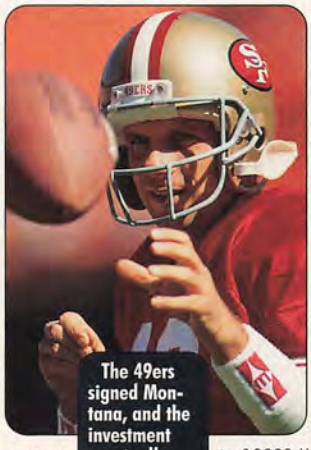
Hutson played with the Packers from 1935-1945, and led the NFL in receiving eight times. He caught 99 career touchdown passes, a mark that was not broken until Steve Largent surpassed it in 1989. Hutson was named the NFL's most valuable player in 1941 and 1942. As well as he played in 1941, Hutson's 1942 numbers might be the most dominant single-season effort by a receiver in football history.

Hutson was the driving force behind Green Bay's 8-2-1 record, establishing single-season league records for receptions (74), receiving yards (1,211), and touchdown receptions (17).

The 74 receptions were 47 more than second-place finisher Frank Ivy's 27—or 274 percent more. To put that in perspective, if the player who finishes second in the league this season catches 106 passes (the average of the second-place finisher from 1992-96), the league leader would have to catch 291 passes to match Hutson's standard.

Hutson was named to the NFL's 50th and 75th Anniversary All-Time Teams. He no doubt has a place secured on the 100th anniversary team as well.

Historic Decision



The 49ers signed Montana, and the investment eventually paid off.

Greg Trott

Remember those four Super Bowls the 49ers won during the 1980s? If San Francisco had not relented to Joe Montana's contract demands following the 1979 draft, the 49ers may never have become the team of the eighties, and football history would have been altered.

The 49ers selected Montana in the third round of the draft. Although Montana was the final pick of the round, he and his agent, Larry Muno, felt the quarterback should be the highest-paid player of his round.

The 49ers disagreed. A week before training camp started, the two sides were $5,000 apart on the signing bonus and $8,000 apart on the yearly salary. John Ralston, the 49ers' vice president of administration, called Muno and told him that the 49ers were not willing to raise their offer, and they would allow Muno to find a suitable trade offer for Montana. All the 49ers wanted in return was a third-round pick.

Muno told Montana not to worry. The agent called Denver, Ralston's former employer, knowing that Ralston would rather give in to Montana than trade him to the Broncos.

Denver informed Muno that they were interested in acquiring Montana, and would offer the 49ers quarterback Craig Penrose and a third-round pick in return.

If Montana had ended up with Denver, would the Broncos have traded for John Elway in 1983? Would Dwight Clark's famous catch in the 1981 NFC Championship Game ever have happened?

We never will know. A few days before camp started, 49ers coach Bill Walsh called Muno and the two sides reached an agreement.

Montana and the 49ers went on to dominate professional football for the next decade.

Coaching Carousel

Bell had more success as NFL Commissioner than as a head coach.

The Pittsburgh Steelers have had just two coaches, Chuck Noll and Bill Cowher, since 1969. Because the franchise has had such stability, it is hard to imagine the problems it had with coaches in its earlier years.

After going through three coaches in the franchise's first four seasons, Pittsburgh owner Art Rooney hired Johnny (Blood) McNally to coach the team in 1937. Blood, a noted wild character who never met a party he did not like, served as a player-coach until 1939. "Usually, the coach checks up on the players," Rooney later noted. "With John, the players had to check on the coach."

In 1941, Bert Bell, who later would serve 14 years as NFL Commissioner, became co-owner of the Steelers with Rooney. The two decided Bell would serve as the head coach, but after losing their first two games, Bell told Rooney, "We have got to do something drastic."

"I know," Rooney replied, "You've got to quit."

So Bell resigned, and the Steelers hired famous local coach Aldo (Buff) Donelli. The problem was that Donelli was a famous local coach because he currently was coaching at Duquesne University.

After five weeks of coaching Duquesne on Saturday and the Steelers on Sunday, Donelli had a problem. His 6-0 Dukes were traveling to play St. Mary's College in California. NFL Commissioner Elmer Layden told Donelli to make a choice: Duquesne or the Steelers.

Pittsburgh was 0-7. Donelli resigned from the Steelers and boarded the train to California. Duquesne won its last two games to wrap up the only undefeated season in school history.

The Steelers completed their 1-9-1 season in 1941 under Walt Kiesling. They reached postseason play just once and used 13 coaches (including Kiesling on three different occasions and Joe Bach for two) in their first 36 years before Noll's arrival in 1969.

And Have a Nice Day

Pro Football Hall of Fame running back Doak Walker learned that a smile and a few kind words can go a long way.

"Don Colo, who played for the Cleveland Browns, roughed me up on a play, unnecessarily," Walker said. "I was down, and he rammed his elbow into my face and rubbed it around a little bit. I just looked up at him and said, 'Nice tackle.'

"That must have melted him a little bit because I read an article later on in which he said that when I said, 'Nice tackle,' he was really embarrassed."

Walker knew how to disarm an unruly opponent.

George Gellaty

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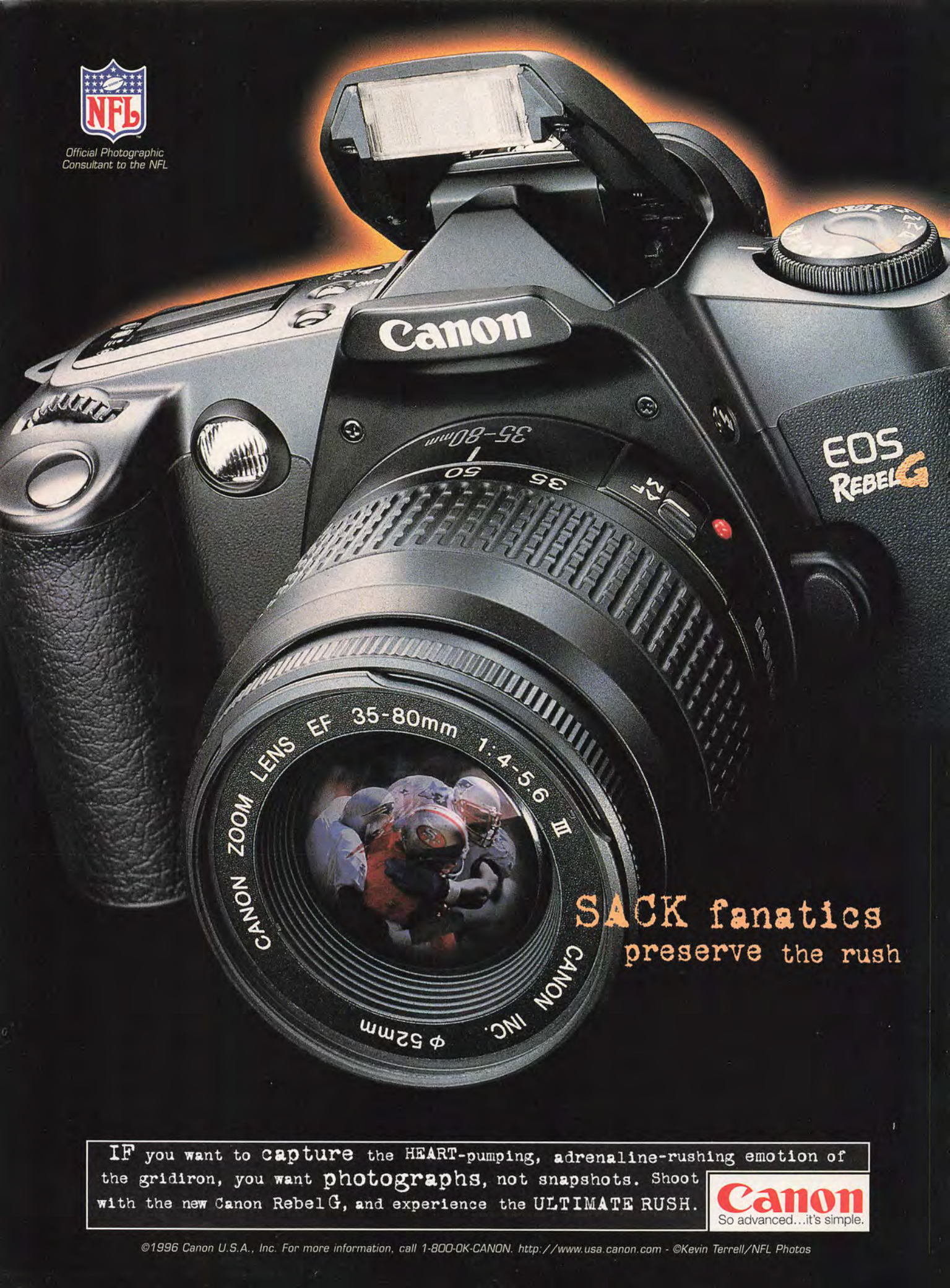
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Answers to Buccaneer Trivia

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1. Favre. The pass was tipped at the line by Buccaneer DE Ray Seals and caught on the rebound by Favre, who lost seven yards.
2. Pittsburgh. The last Bucs-Steelers tilt was on 12/24/89.
3. Lars Tate, who scored his eight touchdowns as a rookie in 1988.
4. LB Broderick Thomas had 21 tackles against Philadelphia on 10/6/91.
5. a-1, b-3, c-4, d-2.
6. Three, in 1980 and 1982. DE Lee Roy Selmon and TE Jimmie Giles were selected in each of those years, joined by LB David Lewis in 1980 and LB Hugh Green in 1982.
7. John McKay and Lee McGriff.
8. WR Kevin House, who caught 24 passes for 531 yards in 1980, an average of 22.1 yards per reception.
9. Recorded two three-sack games in the same season.
10. True

Green Bay Packers

WR Robert Brooks

4
BRETT FAVRE
Quarterback

17
CRAIG HENTRICH
Punter

25
DORSEY LEVENS
Running Back

28
RODERICK MULLEN
Cornerback/Safety

30
WILLIAM HENDERSON
Fullback

32
TRAVIS JERVEY
Fullback

33
DOUG EVANS
Cornerback

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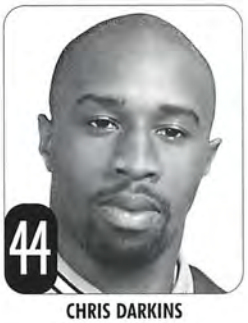
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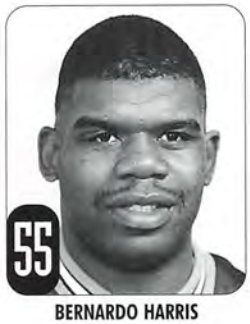
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Mike Holmgren

Head Coach Mike Holmgren's Packers were victorious in Super Bowl XXXI after tying for the NFL's best record (13-3), then defeating the Patriots 35-21 for Green Bay's first Super Bowl victory since Super Bowl II. The Packers became the first team since the undefeated 1972 Dolphins to lead the NFL in points scored and fewest points allowed. In 1995, Holmgren led his team to a 11-5 record and to the NFC Championship Game. The Packers earned wild-card berths in the previous two seasons, and each time beat Detroit. Green Bay lost to Dallas in the divisional playoffs both years. Before joining Green Bay, Holmgren served as an assistant with the 49ers for six years, the last three as offensive coordinator. He was an important part of the 49ers' five consecutive NFC Western Division championships and two Super Bowl victories (XXIII and XXIV).

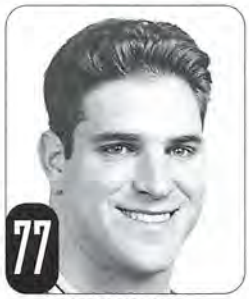
Background Holmgren was a quarterback at USC (1966-69) and an eighth-round draft choice of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1970, but never played in the National Football League. He was an assistant at Brigham Young (1982-85), helping the Cougars win the national championship in 1984. He coached quarterbacks Steve Young and Robbie Bosco, two record-setting passers at BYU. He spent 1981 as offensive coordinator at San Francisco State.

Personal Holmgren was born June 15, 1948, in San Francisco. He and his wife Kathy live in Green Bay. They have four daughters, Calla, Jenny, Emily, and Gretchen.

Coaching Staff Larry Brooks, defensive line; Nolan Cromwell, special teams; Gil Haskell, wide receivers; Johnny Holland, defensive assistant/quality control; Kent Johnston, strength and conditioning; Sherman Lewis, offensive coordinator; Jim Lind, linebackers; Tom Lovat, offensive line; Andy Reid, quarterbacks; Mike Sherman, tight ends; Fritz Shurmur, defensive coordinator; Harry Sydney, running backs; Bob Valesente, defensive backs. •

Green Bay Packers

AARON TAYLOR
Guard



JOHN MICHELS
Tackle

DERRICK MAYES
Wide Receiver

DON BEEBE
Wide Receiver

JEFF THOMASON
Tight End

BILL SCHROEDER
Wide Receiver

ANTONIO FREEMAN
Wide Receiver

ROBERT BROOKS
Wide Receiver

MARK CHMURA
Tight End

DARRIUS HOLLAND
Defensive Tackle

REGGIE WHITE
Defensive End

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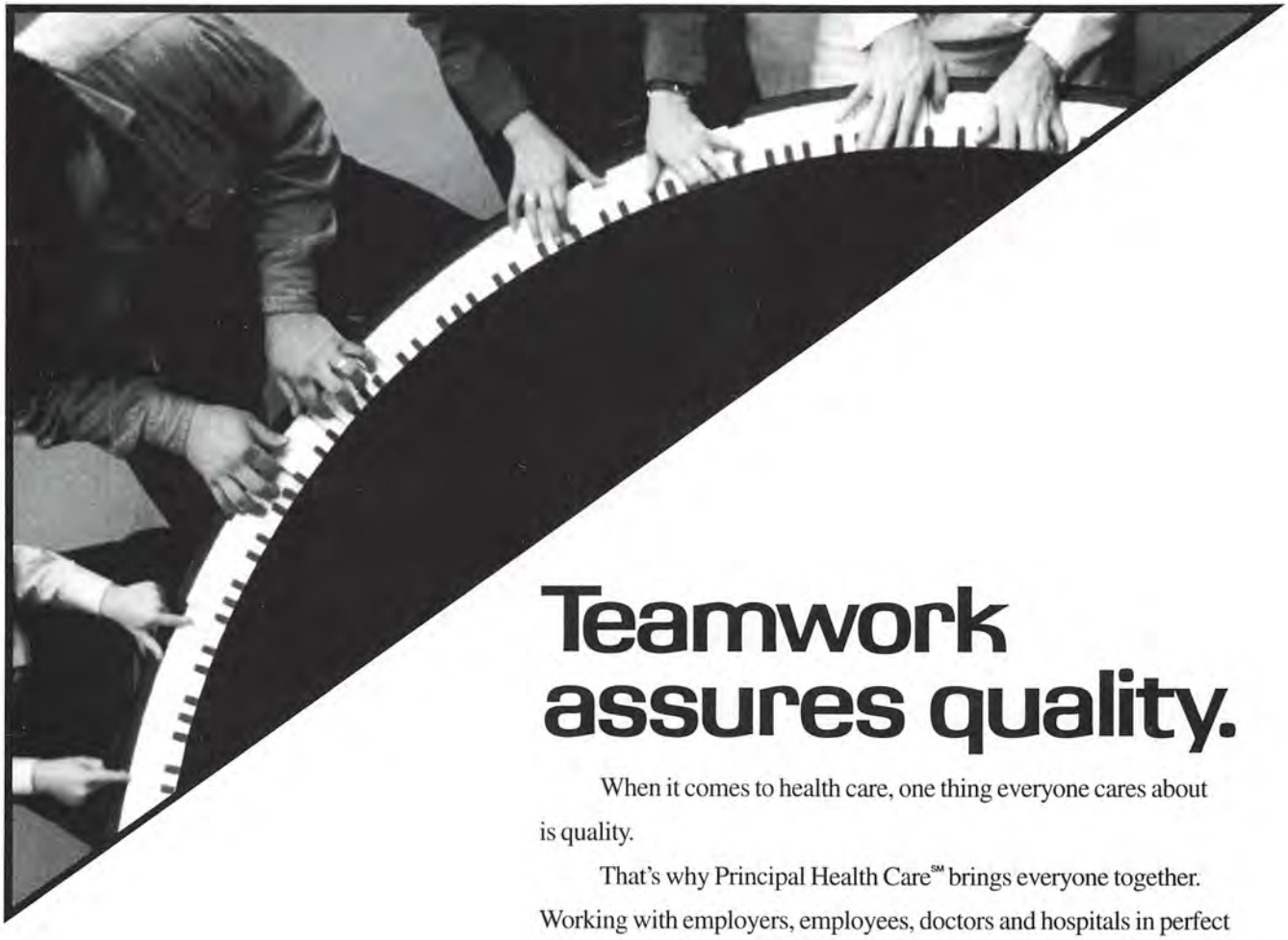

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Green Bay Packers

Gilbert Brown

Best-known in some circles for a burger which bears his name, the Packers' fifth-year nose tackle has blossomed into perhaps the NFL's finest run-stopper

By Carter Toole

Gilbert Brown is holding court right here, in front of his locker, saluting the very creation of something near and dear to his heart.

"Two slabs of meat," he shouts, furiously whipping his arms towards the inquirer. "Then a whole tomato, a whole onion, a half a bottle of Miracle Whip, four slices of cheese and boom! Cut it in half."

A teammate reminds him that he forgot the lettuce.

"Oh yeah, a whole head of lettuce, too. But no pickles."

And this is the famed Gilbertburger?

"Yep. It tastes great — just ask these guys."

His teammates nod in unison as they head for the showers. Then again, they know better than to argue with Brown, and not just because the mammoth Packers nose tackle is an expert on cuisine.

You won't find Brown that high on Green Bay's defensive stats lists. You won't find him on many All-Pro teams (at least not yet). And he wasn't at the Pro Bowl in Honolulu. So why was Brown one of the most sought-after free agents on the market this past offseason?

Ask any player who has had the misfortune of lining up against him. Brown tastes like fear to every offensive lineman in the National Football League. He commands the defensive front, serving as the catalyst for the top-ranked Packers defense. And don't you think he doesn't know it.

"All the big guys up front do all the dirty work, that's our job," Brown says, shooting a playful glance at a passing linebacker. "To us, everybody else is a pretty boy.

"They get all the tackles, all the glamour. But we set the tone."

Brown doesn't exactly crave any glamour. He just enjoys reminding the glamour boys that without his penchant for mucking about down low, the tackles would be a tad harder to come by.

Brown, who carries the nickname of 'The Gravedigger,' has taken his level of play up in each of his four prior seasons in Green Bay.

Photo by James Biever

Brown's tremendous knack for disrupting the opposing offense led to a breakthrough campaign in 1996, a year in which he established himself as the premier run-stopper in the league. And he's only 26 years old.

Brown's instant push off the snap allowed the Green Bay starting linebackers to finish first, second and fifth on the squad in tackles a season ago. Brown isn't exactly a slouch on the stat sheet — he did lead his "guys" (i.e. the defensive line) with 56 tackles, 26 more than his previous season-best total. But his primary priority is clogging up the middle, drawing at least two offensive linemen to free up space for his teammates behind him.

"It is critically important to have a guy like Gilbert to push the pile backwards," Packers defensive coordinator Fritz Shurmur says. "That reduces the angles for the offense. He's got that innate quickness to move that body in a short amount of space."

That body's actual weight remains a mystery to most in Green Bay. Estimates range from 325 to nearly 370 pounds. But Brown, a former high school sprint star, is one of the most athletic big men in the league. He doesn't think his weight affects his production on the gridiron.

"Just as long as I'm out there, working hard and doing the things I'm supposed to do, I'll be fine," he says. "If I'm overweight and can't do those things, then I'll just work even harder."

Shurmur also doesn't harp on Brown's weight.

"I keep trying to remind people that there are a lot of 300-pound guys on defensive lines in this league," Shurmur says. "But none of them are as big as Gilbert and can move like he does."

Which explains why 29 other teams were very interested in Brown after Super Bowl XXXI. Whether or not Brown would enter his fifth NFL season in the Green and Gold was a hot topic in Wisconsin over the winter. His salary was a shade under $300,000 in 1996, but Brown's suitors, led by Jacksonville, reportedly offered upwards of $3 million per season. To the Packers' faithful, it looked as if Gilbert was as good as gone.

But a funny thing happened to Brown in his four years in Green Bay. The organization, the fans and especially his teammates grew on him. He liked it in Titletown. Playing for the reigning world champions didn't hurt matters, either.

"We've got great friendships here on this team," Brown says. "On this defense, we fight together, we love each other and I didn't want to leave that, or leave the best fans in the world. I guess if it was somebody else, they might have left. But there are more important things than a few dollars.

"It comes down to being happy or just getting a paycheck. It's fun to come to work here."

So Brown accepted a three-year deal from the Packers for slightly less than the Jaguars' offer, but enough to make his salary third-highest on the team behind quarterback Brett Favre and defensive end Reggie White. Many called it the single most important move the Packers made in the offseason. Green Bay's faithful, meanwhile, breathed a sigh of relief. Then they headed for Burger King.

Which brings us back to that burger, the most celebrated artery-clogger in the state. For the record, Brown, who started requesting the burger as an undergraduate at Kansas, does tend to exaggerate his namesake's girth. The Gilbertburger is really a Double Whopper with extra, well, extra everything. And we assume you'll have to supply your own Miracle Whip.

But the Burger King on South Oneida Street in Green Bay— just a deep fade pattern from Lambeau Field — does make a darn good Gilbertburger, and a darn good killing off of it. During last year's Packer playoff run, Brown's patented patties were consumed at five times the normal Whopper rate on Oneida Street.

And, perhaps more importantly, the Gilbertburger lives up to Brown's theory on good eatin'.

"If it ain't sloppy, it ain't good."

Gilbert Brown is a little bit of the former, a lot of the latter and Green Bay is glad to have him back in 1997.

Carter Toole is an intern in the Packers' public relations department. •

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Green Bay Packers

National Football Conference
Central Division

Team Colors: Dark Green, Gold, and White
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Telephone: (414) 496-5700

Club Officials
President, CEO: Bob Harlan
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Scouting Administrator: Bryan Broaddus
Administrative Assistant-Football: Gary Reynolds
Ticket Director: Mark Wagner
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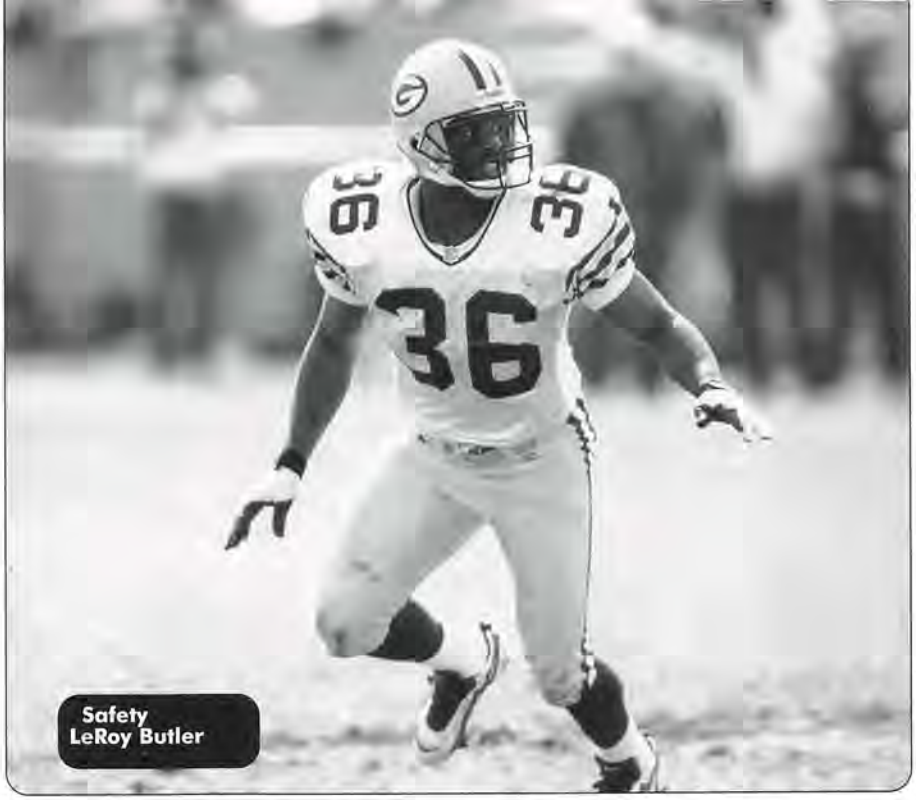
Director of Computer Operations: Wayne Wichlacz
Video Director: Al Treml
Trainer: Pepper Burruss
Equipment Manager: Gordon (Red) Batty
Corporate Security Officer: Jerry Parins
Stadium Supervisor: Ted Eisenreich
Stadium: Lambeau Field • **Capacity:** 60,790
1265 Lombardi Avenue
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54304
Playing Surface: Grass
Training Camp: St. Norbert College
De Pere, Wisconsin 54115

RECORD HOLDERS

SEASON		
Rushing (Yds.)	Jim Taylor, 1962	1,474
Passing (Yds.)	Lynn Dickey, 1983	4,458
Passing (TDs)	Brett Favre, 1996	39
Receiving (No.)	Sterling Sharpe, 1993	112
Receiving (Yds.)	Robert Brooks, 1995	1,497
Interceptions	Irv Comp, 1943	10
Punting (Avg.)	Jerry Norton, 1963	44.7
Punt Ret. (Avg.)	Billy Grimes, 1950	19.1
Kickoff Ret. (Avg.)	Travis Wlliams, 1967	*41.1
Field Goals	Chester Marcol, 1972	33
Touchdowns	Jim Taylor, 1962	19
Points	Paul Hornung, 1960	*176
CAREER		
Rushing (Yds.)	JimTaylor, 1958-1966	8,207
Passing (Yds.)	Bart Starr, 1956-1971	24,718
Passing (TDs)	Bart Starr, 1956-1971	152
Receiving (No.)	Sterling Sharpe, 1988-1994	595
Receiving (Yds.)	James Lofton, 1978-1986	9,656
Interceptions	Bobby Dillon, 1952-59	52
Punting (Avg.)	Dick Deschaine, 1955-57	42.6
Punt Ret. (Avg.)	Desmond Howard	15.1
Kickoff Ret. (Avg.)	Travis Williams, 1967-1970	26.7
Field Goals	Chris Jacke, 1989-1995	152
Touchdowns	Don Hutson, 1935-1945	105
Points	Don Hutson, 1935-1945	823

*NFL record



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LeRoy Butler

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GREEN BAY PACKERS RECORD, 1960-1996

Year	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Pts.	OP
1960§	8	4	0	.667	332	209
1961‡	11	3	0	.786	391	223
1962‡	13	1	0	.929	415	140
1963	11	2	1	.846	369	206
1964	8	5	1	.615	342	245
1965‡	10	3	1	.769	316	224
1966*	12	2	0	.857	335	163
1967*	9	4	1	.692	332	209
1968	6	7	1	.462	281	227
1969	8	6	0	.571	269	221
1970	6	8	0	.429	196	293
1971	4	8	2	.333	274	298
1972†	10	4	0	.714	304	226
1973	5	7	2	.429	202	259
1974	6	8	0	.429	210	206
1975	4	10	0	.286	226	285
1976	5	9	0	.357	218	299
1977	4	10	0	.286	134	219
1978	8	7	1	.531	249	269
1979	5	11	0	.313	246	316
1980	5	10	1	.344	231	371
1981	8	8	0	.500	324	361
1982††	5	3	1	.611	226	169
1983	8	8	0	.500	429	439
1984	8	8	0	.500	390	309
1985	8	8	0	.500	337	355
1986	4	12	0	.250	254	418
1987	5	9	1	.367	255	300
1988	4	12	0	.250	240	315
1989	10	6	0	.625	362	356
1990	6	10	0	.375	271	347
1991	4	12	0	.250	273	313
1992	9	7	0	.563	276	296
1993**	9	7	0	.563	340	282
1994**	9	7	0	.563	382	287
1995†	11	5	0	.688	404	314
1996*	13	3	0	.813	456	210
37 Years	279	254	13	.523	11,091	10,187

§NFL Western Conference Champion
‡NFL Champion
*Super Bowl Champion
†NFC Central Division Champion
††NFC Qualifier for Playoffs
**NFC Wild Card Qualifier for Playoffs

COACHING HISTORY

1921-49	Earl (Curly) Lambeau	212-106-21
1950-53	*Gene Ronzani	14-31-1
1953	**Hugh Devore, Ray (Scooter) McLean	0-2-0
1954-57	Lisle Blackburn	17-31-0
1958	Ray (Scooter) McLean	1-10-1
1959-67	Vince Lombardi	98-30-4
1968-70	Phil Bengtson	20-21-1
1971-74	Dan Devine	25-28-4
1975-83	Bart Starr	53-77-3
1984-87	Forrest Gregg	25-37-1
1988-91	Lindy Infante	24-40-0
1992-96	Mike Holmgren	58-32-0

*Replaced after 10 games in 1953
**Co-Coaches for two games in 1953

FIRST PLAYER SELECTED

1936	Eddie Letlow, G, San Francisco
1937	Ed Jankowski, B, Wisconsin
1938	Cecil Isbell, B, Purdue
1939	Larry Buhler, B, Minnesota
1940	Hal Van Every, B, Minnesota
1941	George Paskvan, B, Wisconsin
1942	Urban Odson, T, Minnesota
1943	Dick Wildung, T, Minnesota
1944	Merv Pregulman, G, Michigan
1945	Walt Schlinkman, G, Texas Tech
1946	Johnny (Strike) Strzykalski, B, Marquette
1947	Ernie Case, B, UCLA
1948	Earl (Jug) Girard, B, Wisconsin
1949	Stan Heath, B, Nevada-Reno
1950	Clayton Tonnemaker, C, Minnesota
1951	Bob Gain, T, Kentucky
1952	Babe Parilli, QB, Kentucky
1953	Al Carmichael, B, USC
1954	Art Hunter, T, Notre Dame
1955	Tom Bettis, G, Purdue
1956	Jack Losch, B, Miami
1957	Paul Hornung, B, Notre Dame
1958	Dan Currie, C, Michigan State
1959	Randy Duncan, QB, Iowa
1960	Tom Moore, HB, Vaderbilt
1961	Herb Adderley, HB, Michigan State
1962	Earl Gros, FB, Louisiana State
1963	Dave Robinson, LB, Penn State
1964	Lloyd Voss, DT, Nebraska
1965	Donny Anderson, RB, Texas Tech
1966	Jim Grabowski, FB, Illinois
1967	Bob Hyland, C, Boston College
1968	Fred Carr, LB, Texas-El Paso
1969	Rich Moore, DT, Villanova
1970	Mike McCoy, DT, Notre Dame
1971	John Brockington, RB, Ohio State
1972	Willie Buchanon, CB, San Diego State
1973	Barry Smith, WR, Florida State
1974	Barty Smith, RB, Richmond
1975	Bill Bain, G (2), USC
1976	Mike Koncar, T, Colorado
1977	Mike Butler, DE, Kansas
1978	James Lofton, WR, Stanford
1979	Eddie Lee Ivery, RB, Georgia Tech
1980	Bruce Clark, DT, Penn State
1981	Rich Campbell, QB, California
1982	Ron Hallstrom, T, Iowa
1983	Tim Lewis, DB, Pittsburgh
1984	Alphonso Carreker, DE, Florida State
1985	Ken Ruettgers, T, USC
1986	Kennth Davis, RB (2), Texas Christian
1987	Brent Fullwood, RB, Auburn
1988	Sterling Sharpe, WR, South Carolina
1989	Tony Mandarich, T, Michigan State
1990	Tony Bennett, LB, Mississippi
1991	Vincent Clark, DB, Ohio State
1992	Terrell Buckley, DB, Florida State
1993	Wayne Simmons, LB, Clemson
1994	Aaron Taylor, G, Notre Dame
1995	Craig Newsome, DB, Arizona State
1996	John Michels, T, USC
1997	Ross Verba, T, Iowa

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Touchdown, Field Goal, or Successful Try

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Time Out

Dead Ball or Neutral Zone Established, Crowd Noise

First Down

Personal Foul

Reset Play Clock-40 seconds

Reset Play Clock-25 seconds

Ball Illegally Touched, Kicked, or Batted

Delay of Game, Illegal Substitution, or Excess Time Out

No Time Out or Time in With Whistle

Offside or Encroaching

Holding

Penalty Refused, Incomplete Pass, Play Over, or Missed Field Goal

Face Mask

Ineligible Receiver or Ineligible Member of Kicking Team Downfield

Illegal Motion at Snap

Illegal Shift

Crawling, Interlocking Interference, Pushing, or Helping Runner

Unsportsmanlike Conduct Chop Blocks

Tripping

Illegal Crackback

Illegal Cut or Blocking Below the Waist

Intentional Grounding of Pass

Touching a Forward Pass or Scrimmage Kick

Player Disqualified

Illegal Contact

False Start, Illegal Shift, Illegal Formation, or Kickoff or Safety Kick Out of Bounds

Illegal Substitution or Too Many Men on the Field

Illegal Use of Hands, Arms, or Body

Pass Juggled Inbounds, and Caught Out of Bounds

Illegal Forward Pass

Loss of Down

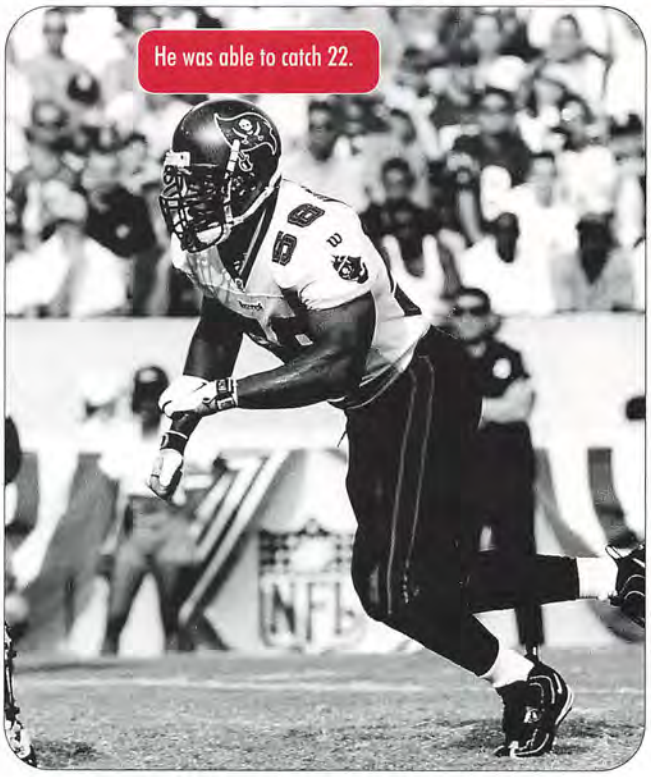
Invalid Fair Catch Signal

Uncatchable Forward Pass

Interference With Forward Pass or Fair Catch

Test Your Knowledge of Buccaneer History

1. Green Bay QB Brett Favre threw his first-ever NFL completion against the Buccaneers on 9/13/92. Who was on the receiving end?
2. The Bucs' 27-7 victory over New England on 11/16 signaled the first game between the two teams since 1988. With that recent meeting behind them, what team have the Buccaneers gone the since facing last?
3. RB Warrick Dunn, with six touchdowns so far this season, is pursuing the Buccaneers' rookie record of eight in that category. Who's the current recordholder?
4. LB Hardy Nickerson was credited with 22 tackles in the Bucs' game in Chicago on 11/23, which broke a team record for most stops in one contest. What was the previous record and who established it?


He was able to catch 22.

He had no problems taking it to the House.

5. Match the Buccaneers below to the items they enjoy collecting:

a. Jackie Harris	1. Albums and compact discs
b. Brad Culpepper	2. Boa constrictors
c. Marcus Jones	3. Hats of minor league baseball teams
d. Alshermond Singleton	4. Comic books

6. The Buccaneers have quite a few Pro Bowl hopefuls on the squad this season and are hoping for multiple invites. What's the most players the Bucs have sent to the Pro Bowl in a single season?
7. Name the two starting receivers for the Buccaneers in the first regular-season game in franchise history (at Houston, 9/12/76).
8. Who holds the Buccaneer record for highest average per reception in a single season?
9. What sack-related accomplishment did DT Brad Culpepper record this season that no Buccaneer defender ever has before?
10. True or False: This season, for the fifth straight year, the Buccaneers will play their season finale at home?

— For Trivia Answers, see page 125

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TODAY'S GAME

1997 GREEN BAY PACKERS

WON 10, LOST 3

09/01	W	38-24	CHICAGO	60,766
09/07	L	9-10	at Philadelphia	66,803
09/14	W	23-18	MIAMI	60,075
09/21	W	38-32	MINNESOTA	60,115
09/28	L	15-26	at Detroit	78,110
10/05	W	21-16	TAMPA BAY	60,100
10/12	W	24-23	at Chicago	62,212
10/27	W	28-10	at New England	59,972
11/02	W	20-10	DETROIT	60,126
11/09	W	17-7	ST. LOUIS	60,093
11/16	L	38-41	at Indianapolis	60,928
11/23	W	45-17	DALLAS	60,111
12/01	W	27-11	at Minnesota	64,001
12/07			at Tampa Bay	
12/14			at Carolina	
12/20			Buffalo	

	Green Bay	OPP.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	265	250
Rushing	83	92
Passing	154	137
Penalty	28	21
3rd Down: Made/Att	64/162	66/189
3rd Down Pct.	39.5	34.9
4th Down: Made/Att	4/4	10/19
4th Down Pct.	100.0	52.6
POSSESSION AVG.	28:59	31:01
TOTAL NET YARDS	4522	4169
Avg. Per Game	347.8	320.7
Total Plays	803	875
Avg. Per Play	5.6	4.8
NET YARDS RUSHING	1507	1618
Avg. Per Game	115.9	124.5
Total Rushes	353	376
NET YARDS PASSING	3015	2551
Avg. Per Game	231.9	196.2
Sacked/Yards Lost	22/160	33/217
Gross Yards	3175	2768
Att./Completions	428/249	466/247
Completion Pct.	58.2	53.0
Had Intercepted	14	17
PUNTS/AVERAGE	60/45.5	68/43.9
NET PUNTING AVERAGE	60/36.5	68/36.7
PENALTIES/YARDS	76/572	98/819
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	17/11	19/8
TOUCHDOWNS	40	26
Rushing	8	12
Passing	28	10
Returns	4	4

SCORE BY PERIODS	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**OT**	**PTS**
PACKERS	47	141	70	85	0	343
OPPONENTS	45	72	48	80	0	245

SCORING	**TD**	**Ru**	**Pa**	**Rt**	**K-PAT**	**FG**	**S**	**PTS**
Longwell	0	0	0	0	38/38	21/25	0	101
Levens	11	7	4	0			0	68
Freeman	9	0	9	0			0	54
Chmura	6	0	6	0			0	36
R. Brooks	5	0	5	0			0	30
Sharper	2	0	0	2			0	12
Wilkins	2	0	0	2			0	12
Favre	1	1	0	0			0	6
Henderson	1	0	1	0			0	6
Mickens	1	0	1	0			0	6
Schroeder	1	0	1	0			0	6
Thomason	1	0	1	0			0	6
PACKERS	40	8	28	4	38/38	21/25	0	343
OPPONENTS	26	12	10	4	16/16	21/27	0	245

2-PT. Conversions: Levens, PACKERS 1-2, OPPONENTS 5-10

SACKS: White 9.0, S. Dotson 5.5, Wilkins 5.0, Brown 3.0, Butler 2.0, Joyner 1.5, McKenzie 1.5, Robinson 1.5, Harris 1.0, Smith 1.0
PACKERS 33.0, OPPONENTS 22.0

RUSHING	**No**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**Lg**	**TD**
Levens	268	1237	4.6	52t	7
Favre	50	160	3.2	16	1
Henderson	23	67	2.9	9	0
Hayden	11	29	2.6	17	0
Freeman	1	14	14.0	14	0
PACKERS	353	1507	4.3	52t	8
OPPONENTS	376	1618	4.3	68t	12

RECEIVING	**No**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**Lg**	**TD**
Freeman	60	941	15.7	45	9
R. Brooks	51	813	15.9	48	5
Levens	42	304	7.2	56	4
Henderson	36	328	9.1	25	1
Chmura	30	352	11.7	32t	6
Mayes	15	268	17.9	74	0
Thomason	9	115	12.8	27	1
Schroeder	2	15	7.5	8	1
Hayden	2	11	5.5	7	0
T. Davis	1	26	26.0	26	0
Mickens	1	2	2.0	2t	1
PACKERS	249	3175	12.8	74	28
OPPONENTS	247	2768	11.2	62	10

INTERCEPTIONS	**No**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**Lg**	**TD**
Butler	5	4	0.8	2	0
Evans	3	33	11.0	27	0
B. Williams	2	30	15.0	25	0
Prior	2	23	11.5	24	0
Wilkins	1	77	77.0	77t	1
Sharper	1	50	50.0	50t	1
Robinson	1	26	26.0	26	0
Mullen	1	17	17.0	17	0
Harris	1	0	0.0	0	0
PACKERS	17	260	15.3	77t	2
OPPONENTS	14	262	18.7	52t	3

PUNTING	**No**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**Net**	**TB**	**In**	**Lg**	**Bk**
Hentrich	60	2727	45.5	36.5	17	19	65	0
PACKERS	60	2727	45.5	36.5	17	19	65	0
OPPONENTS	68	2983	43.9	36.7	1	22	59	0

PUNT RETURNS	**Ret**	**FC**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**Lg**	**TD**
Schroeder	33	8	342	10.4	46	0
Mayes	11	1	125	11.4	26	0
Preston	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Prior	1	1	0	0.0	0	0
PACKERS	46	10	467	10.2	46	0
OPPONENTS	27	10	200	7.4	38	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	**No.**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**Lg**	**TD**
Schroeder	22	505	23.0	40	0
Preston	7	211	30.1	43	0
Hayden	5	118	23.6	35	0
Darkins	4	68	17.0	20	0
Beebe	1	11	11.0	11	0
Mickens	1	0	0.0	0	0
PACKERS	40	913	22.8	43	0
OPPONENTS	63	1318	20.9	39	0

FIELD GOALS	**1-19**	**20-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**
Longwell	4/4	6/7	8/10	2/3	1/1
PACKERS	3/3	6/7	8/10	2/3	1/1
OPPONENTS	0/0	6/7	8/10	6/9	1/1

Longwell: (38G, 36G, 29G) (22G, 18G, 27G, 28N) (26G, 24G, 39G) (34G) (36G, 19G, 50G) (47B) (37G) ( ) (23G, 44G), (44G) (18G) (34N, 32G)
OPPONENTS: (42G) (48N, 32G) (24G, 31G, 22G, 34G) (22N, 31G) (53G, 44G, 22G, 39G) (23G) (41G) (38G) (34G) (37B, 36N) (42G, 42N, 41G, 35G, 20G) (29G) (42G, 44N)

PASSING	**Att**	**Comp**	**Yds**	**Cmp%**	**Yds/Att**	**TD**	**TD%**	**INT**	**INT%**	**Lg**	**Sack/Lost**	**Rating**
Favre	428	249	3175	58.2	7.42	28	6.5	14	3.3	74	22/160	89.7
PACKERS	428	249	3175	58.2	7.42	28	6.5	14	3.3	74	22/160	89.7
OPPONENTS	466	247	2768	53.0	5.94	10	2.1	17	3.6	62	33/217	63.0

1997 Tampa Bay Buccaneer Statistics

WON 9, LOST 4

08/31	W	13- 6	SAN FRANCISCO	62,554
09/07	W	24-17	at Detroit	58,234
09/14	W	28-14	at Minnesota	63,697
09/21	W	31-21	MIAMI	73,314
09/28	W	19-18	ARIZONA	53,804
10/05	L	16-21	at Green Bay	60,100
10/12	L	9-27	DETROIT	72,095
10/26	L	6-10	MINNESOTA	66,815
11/02	W	31-28	at Indianapolis	58,512
11/09	W	31-10	at Atlanta	46,018
11/16	W	27- 7	NEW ENGLAND	70,479
11/23	L	7-13	at Chicago	43,955
11/30	W	20- 8	at New York Giants	68,678
12/07			GREEN BAY	
12/14			at New York Jets	
12/21			CHICAGO	

	BUCCANEERS	OPP.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	223	216
Rushing	76	79
Passing	122	126
Penalty	25	11
3rd Down: Made/Att	67/161	59/179
3rd Down Pct.	41.6	33.0
4th Down: Made/Att	5/12	9/14
4th Down Pct.	41.7	64.3
POSSESSION AVG.	30:16	29:44
TOTAL NET YARDS	3835	3838
Avg. Per Game	295.0	295.2
Total Plays	760	794
Avg. Per Play	5.0	4.8
NET YARDS RUSHING	1594	1323
Avg. Per Game	122.6	101.8
Total Rushes	399	319
NET YARDS PASSING	2241	2515
Avg. Per Game	172.4	193.5
Sacked/Yards Lost	24/140	41/314
Gross Yards	2381	2829
Att./Completions	337/200	434/268
Completion Pct.	59.3	61.8
Had Intercepted	9	9
PUNTS/AVERAGE	63/43.1	71/42.1
NET PUNTING AVERAGE	63/36.5	71/33.7
PENALTIES/YARDS	66/564	82/718
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	26/8	18/10
TOUCHDOWNS	34	21
Rushing	13	7
Passing	20	11
Returns	1	3

SCORE BY PERIODS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
BUCCANEERS	56	68	55	83	0	262
OPPONENTS	26	64	55	55	0	200

SCORING	TD	Ru	Pa	Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Alstott	10	7	3	0			0	60
Husted	0	0	0	0	28/31	10/13	0	58
Dunn	7	4	3	0			0	42
Anthony	4	0	4	0			0	24
Moore	4	0	4	0			0	24
Williams	3	0	3	0			0	18
Rhett	2	2	0	0			0	12
Copeland	1	0	1	0			0	6
Hape	1	0	1	0			0	6
J. Harris	1	0	1	0			0	6
Singleton	1	0	0	1			0	6
Dilfer	0	0	0	0			0	0
BUCCANEERS	34	13	20	1	28/31	10/13	0	262
OPPONENTS	21	7	11	3	18/18	16/26	1	200

2-PT. Conversions: Dilfer 0, BUCS 0-3, OPP. 3-3

SACKS: Ahanotu 10.0, Culpepper 8.5, Sapp 7.5, Upshaw 6.5, Jackson 2.5, Brooks 1.5, Maniecki 1.0, Nickerson 1.0, Parker 1.0, Porter 0.5
BUCCANEERS 41.0, Opponents 24.0

RUSHING	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Dunn	173	738	4.3	52t	4
Alstott	161	619	3.8	47t	7
Dilfer	31	92	3.0	17	0
Rhett	24	74	3.1	21	2
Anthony	4	61	15.3	26	0
Ellison	1	5	5.0	5	0
Williams	1	5	5.0	5	0
Hape	1	1	1.0	1	0
Walsh	3	-1	-.3	0	0
BUCCANEERS	399	1594	4.0	52t	13
OPPONENTS	319	1323	4.1	82t	7

RECEIVING	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Anthony	34	440	12.9	38t	4
Dunn	33	413	12.5	59t	3
Copeland	32	423	13.2	49	1
Williams	24	352	14.7	55	3
Alstott	22	173	7.9	26	3
Moore	19	217	11.4	28	4
J. Harris	18	195	10.8	39	1
Thomas	11	110	10.0	21	0
Hape	4	22	5.5	13	1
Bouie	1	25	25.0	25	0
Ellison	1	8	8.0	8	0
Davis	1	3	3.0	3	0
BUCCANEERS	200	2381	11.9	59t	20
OPPONENTS	268	2829	10.6	79	11

INTERCEPTIONS	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Abraham	4	16	4.0	16	0
Brooks	2	13	6.5	13	0
Mincy	1	14	14.0	14	0
Legette	1	0	0.0	0	0
Lynch	1	0	0.0	0	0
BUCCANEERS	9	43	4.8	16	0
OPPONENTS	9	274	30.4	77t	2

PUNTING	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	Bk
Landeta	34	1410	41.5	34.2	3	12	61	0
Barnhardt	29	1304	45.0	39.1	3	12	61	0
BUCCANEERS	63	2714	43.1	36.5	6	24	61	0
OPPONENTS	71	2989	42.1	33.7	6	17	65	1

PUNT RETURNS	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Williams	35	9	428	12.2	63	0
Dunn	5	0	48	9.6	25	0
BUCCANEERS	40	9	476	1.9	63	0
OPPONENTS	31	13	297	9.6	57	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Anthony	15	360	24.0	51	0
Williams	14	255	18.2	28	0
Dunn	6	129	21.5	30	0
Ellison	2	61	30.5	49	0
Alstott	1	0	0.0	0	0
White	1	0	0.0	0	0
Copeland	0	0	—	—	0
BUCCANEERS	39	805	20.6	51	0
OPPONENTS	35	677	19.3	41	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Husted	0/0	3/3	2/3	4/5	1/2
BUCCANEERS	0/0	3/3	2/3	4/5	1/1
OPPONENTS	0/0	4/4	8/11	4/10	0/1

Husted: (32N, 40G, 34G) (41G) ( ) (22G) ( ) (23G) (25G) ( ) (36G) (54G) (44G, 44G) (50N, 40N) ( )
OPPONENTS: (30G, 40G, 34N) (52N, 48G) (25G, 24G) (47N) (37G, 43N, 47N) (47B) (34G, 39G) (30N, 28G), (43G, 36G, 30N) (34G) ( ) (32G, 25G, 41N) (47N, 45G, 30G)

PASSING	Att	Comp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	Lg	Sack/Lost	Rating
Dilfer	336	199	2356	59.2	7.01	20	6.0	9	2.7	59t	24/140	89.3
Barnhardt	1	1	25	100.0	25.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	25	0/0	118.8
BUCCANEERS	337	200	2381	59.3	7.07	20	5.9	9	2.7	59t	24/140	89.6
OPPONENTS	434	268	2829	61.8	6.52	11	2.5	9	2.1	79	41/314	80.5

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Sept. 13	Ole Miss at Auburn
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Sept. 27	Florida at Kentucky
Oct. 4	Auburn at South Carolina
Oct. 11	Kentucky at South Carolina
Oct. 18	Ole Miss at LSU
Oct. 25	Auburn at Arkansas
Nov. 1	So. Carolina at Tennessee
Nov. 8	Vanderbilt at Florida
Nov.15	Mississippi State at Alabama
Nov. 22	Tennessee at Kentucky
** Nov. 29	Ole Miss at Mississippi State

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UPDATED ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS

REGULAR SEASON WIN-LOSS SUMMARY

Opponent	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home Rec.	Road Rec.	Long Win Str.	Long Loss Str.
Arizona *	7	7	0	.500	254	248	5-4	2-3	3	5
Atlanta	7	8	0	.467	286	309	5-4	2-4	2	2
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	-	-
Buffalo	4	2	0	.667	118	97	4-2	0-0	4	1
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	20	37	0-0	1-1	1	1
Chicago	9	30	0	.231	540	942	7-13	2-17	2	12
Cincinnati	2	3	0	.400	76	128	1-1	1-2	1	2
Cleveland **	0	5	0	.000	71	142	0-3	0-2	-	5
Dallas	0	6	0	.000	80	123	0-1	0-5	-	6
Denver	1	3	0	.250	60	109	0-1	1-2	1	2
Detroit	18	22	0	.450	665	860	10-10	8-12	3	5
Green Bay	**13**	**23**	**1**	**.365**	**533**	**724**	**7-10-1**	**6-13**	**4**	**6**
Houston	1	4	0	.200	71	103	1-0	0-4	1	2
Indianapolis ***	4	5	0	.444	192	223	2-2	2-3	2	3
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	17	16	1-0	0-0	1	-
Kansas City	2	5	0	.286	105	138	1-2	1-3	2	4
Miami	2	4	0	.333	140	152	2-2	0-2	1	3
Minnesota	13	27	0	.325	636	873	7-13	6-14	2	5
New England	1	3	0	.250	62	80	1-2	0-1	1	3
New Orleans	5	12	0	.294	273	360	2-4	3-8	2	6
N.Y. Giants	4	8	0	.333	197	187	3-3	1-5	2	4
N.Y. Jets	1	5	0	.167	113	181	1-1	0-4	1	3
Oakland ****	1	3	0	.250	72	111	1-0	0-3	1	3
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	62	93	1-1	1-2	2	3
Pittsburgh	0	4	0	.000	55	114	0-2	0-2	-	4
St. Louis *****	3	8	0	.273	202	278	3-4	0-4	1	6
San Diego	1	6	0	.143	102	183	0-4	1-2	1	6
San Francisco	2	12	0	.143	186	350	1-4	1-8	1	9
Seattle	0	4	0	.000	67	82	0-2	0-2	-	4
Washington	4	4	0	.500	139	137	3-3	1-1	4	4

POST-SEASON WIN-LOSS SUMMARY

Dallas	0	2	0	.000	17	68
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
St. Louis *****	0	1	0	.000	0	9

* Franchise known as Phoenix Cardinals 1988-93; located in St.Louis prior to 1988
** Franchise currently dormant
*** Franchise located in Baltimore prior to 1984
**** Franchise located in Los Angeles from 1982-94
***** Franchise located in Los Angeles prior to 1995

DE Chidi Ahanotu sacked Packer QB Brett Favre twice on 10/5/97, but Favre led Green Bay to a 21-16 win.

SERIES HIGHLIGHTS

CB Ricky Reynolds opened the floodgates against the Packers with a first-quarter fumble return for a touchdown.

The Buccaneers' only win over Green Bay in the last 10 meetings was a tight overtime affair in 1995 (see page 83), but Tampa Bay is only five years removed from perhaps its most complete victory in the teams' 21-year series. The temperature crossed 90 in then-Tampa Stadium on 9/13/92 and the humidity was heavy, but the Bucs didn't have to sweat out the win as they dominated a 31-3 outcome.

In perhaps his finest day as a Buccaneer QB Vinny Testaverde led an offense that racked up 395 total net yards to the Packers' 215. Testaverde completed a remarkable 22 of 25 passes for 363 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions, but it was the Buccaneer defense that got the team on the board first. On a short swing pass to Green Bay RB Harry Sydney, CB Ricky Reynolds stopped Sydney for a one-yard loss, knocked the ball loose, recovered the fumble and ran it in 15 yards for a touchdown.

Another turnover set up the Bucs' next touchdown, as S Darrell Fullington redirected a Don Majkowski pass and returned it 16 yards to the Packers' 19. Three plays later, Testaverde unleased an eight-yard scoring strike to WR Mark Carrier to give the Bucs a 14-0 lead with less than nine minutes gone from the clock.

The only other scoring drive of the first half also belonged to the Bucs, who went 86 yards on 11 plays to set up a 22-yard field goal by PK Ken Willis. Testaverde and Carrier revisited their hookup with four more passes between them for a total of 82 yards on the drive. The longest of those four completions was a 40-yard bomb on the left sideline that got the Bucs down to the four-yard line. At the halfway mark, Carrier already had seven receptions for 115 yards and the score and Testaverde had misfired on just two of 16 aerials.

Though the game was all Tampa Bay, a significant event did occur in Packer annals at the beginning of the second half when Green Bay turned the reins over to QB Brett Favre. In his first action as a Packer, Favre marched the team 67 yards for a field goal and the Pack's only score of the day. He was helped, however, by personal foul and face mask penalties against the Bucs that converted two third-down situations. Green Bay's triumph didn't last long, though, as Testaverde opened fire again on the next drive. Hooking up with WR Lawrence Dawsey for 28 yards and rookie wideout Courtney Hawkins for 49, the Buc signal-caller moved Tampa Bay down to the 13, from where another toss to WR Willie Drewrey pumped the Bucs' lead up to 24-3.

A sack of Favre by DE Al Chamblee on the next possession quickly ended Green Bay's custody of the ball on the next drive and led to yet another Buccaneer scoring drive. This time, Testaverde flipped a 17-yarder to TE Tyji Armstrong on the left sideline then found Dawsey again over the middle for 41 yards. That play was the result of some trickery, as RB Gary Anderson took a handoff, seemingly found no hole to run through, then pitched the ball back to Testaverde who found Dawsey open behind the defense. Testaverde ran the ball in himself on a QB keeper on the next play, bowling over a Packer defender at the goal line.

Steve DeBerg relieved Testaverde on the next drive, but Favre stayed in to direct two more Packer drives, including one that threatened to provide another Packer score. Passes to Sterling Sharpe and eventual Buc TE Jackie Harris got the Pack down to the Bucs' 28, but Favre's next toss ended up in Reynolds hands as the Buc CB ran into the end zone with the pick for a touchback. Tampa Bay ran out the clock from there and finished with a 28-point win, their second-largest ever over the Packers.

As clear from the above account, Testaverde provided most of the offense on the day while setting a Buccaneer record with an 88.0% completion percentage. Besides the three turnovers, the Buccaneer defense pitched in with six sacks, including two each by DE Ray Seals and then-rookie, now-Packer DT Santana Dotson. •

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BUCCANEERS IN THE PRO BOWL

1978
NT Dave Pear

1979
DE Lee Roy Selmon (1)*

1980
TE Jimmie Giles (1)
LB David Lewis
DE Lee Roy Selmon (2)

1981
TE Jimmie Giles (2)
DE Lee Roy Selmon (3)

1982
TE Jimmie Giles (3)
LB Hugh Green (1)
DE Lee Roy Selmon (4)

*Did not play due to injury

1983
LB Hugh Green (2)
DE Lee Roy Selmon (5)

1984
DE Lee Roy Selmon (6)
RB James Wilder

1985
TE Jimmie Giles (4)

1989
WR Mark Carrier

1990
CB Wayne Haddix

1993
LB Hardy Nickerson

1996
LB Hardy Nickerson

TE Jimmie Giles went to more Pro Bowls (4) than any other offensive player in Buccaneer history.

PRO BOWL NOTES

MOST APPEARANCES
6 Lee Roy Selmon (1979-84)
4 Jimmie Giles (1980-82, 1985)
2 Hugh Green (1982-83)
Hardy Nickerson (1993, 1996)

MOST CONSECUTIVE APPEARANCES
6 Lee Roy Selmon (1979-84)
3 Jimmie Giles (1980-82)
2 Hugh Green (1982-83)

MOST APPEARANCES BY AN OFFENSIVE PLAYER
4 Jimmie Giles (1980-82, 1985)

MOST APPEARANCES BY A DEFENSIVE PLAYER
6 Lee Roy Selmon (1979-84)
2 Hugh Green (1982-83)
Hardy Nickerson (1993, 1996)

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1997 American Football Conference Schedule & Results

Baltimore Ravens

Aug. 31	JACKSONVILLE	L 27-28
Sep. 7	CINCINNATI	W 23-10
Sep. 14	at New York Giants	W 24-23
Sep. 21	at Tennessee	W 36-10
Sep. 28	at San Diego	L 17-21
Oct. 5	PITTSBURGH	L 34-42
Oct. 12	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 19	MIAMI	L 13-24
Oct. 26	at Washington	W 20-17
Nov. 2	at New York Jets	L 16-19 (OT)
Nov. 9	at Pittsburgh	L 0-37
Nov. 16	PHILADELPHIA	T 10-10
Nov. 23	ARIZONA	L 13-16
Nov. 30	at Jacksonville	L 27-29
Dec. 7	SEATTLE	
Dec. 14	TENNESSEE	
Dec. 21	at Cincinnati	

Buffalo Bills

Aug. 31	MINNESOTA	L 13-34
Sep. 7	at New York Jets	W 28-22
Sep. 14	at Kansas City	L 16-22
Sep. 21	INDIANAPOLIS	W 37-35
Sep. 28	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 5	DETROIT	W 22-13
Oct. 12	at New England	L 6-33
Oct. 20	at Indianapolis (Mon.)	W 9- 6
Oct. 26	DENVER	L 20-23 (OT)
Nov. 2	MIAMI	W 9- 6
Nov. 9	NEW ENGLAND	L 10-31
Nov. 17	at Miami (Mon.)	L 13-30
Nov. 23	at Tennessee	L 14-31
Nov. 30	NEW YORK JETS	W 20-10
Dec. 7	at Chicago	
Dec. 14	JACKSONVILLE	
Dec. 20	at Green Bay (Sat.)	

Cincinnati Bengals

Aug. 31	ARIZONA	W 24-21
Sep. 7	at Baltimore	L 10-23
Sep. 14	OPEN DATE	
Sep. 21	at Denver	L 20-38
Sep. 28	NEW YORK JETS	L 14-31
Oct. 5	at Jacksonville	L 13-21
Oct. 12	at Tennessee	L 7-30
Oct. 19	PITTSBURGH	L 10-26
Oct. 26	at New York Giants	L 27-29
Nov. 2	SAN DIEGO	W 38-31
Nov. 9	at Indianapolis	W 28-13
Nov. 16	at Pittsburgh	L 3-20
Nov. 23	JACKSONVILLE	W 31-26
Nov. 30	at Philadelphia	L 42-44
Dec. 4	TENNESSEE (Thu.)	
Dec. 14	DALLAS	
Dec. 21	BALTIMORE	

Denver Broncos

Aug. 31	KANSAS CITY	W 19- 3
Sep. 7	at Seattle	W 35-14
Sep. 14	ST. LOUIS	W 35-14
Sep. 21	CINCINNATI	W 38-20
Sep. 28	at Atlanta	W 29-21
Oct. 6	NEW ENGLAND (Mon.)	W 34-13
Oct. 12	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 19	at Oakland	L 25-28
Oct. 26	at Buffalo	W 23-20 (OT)
Nov. 2	SEATTLE	W 30-27
Nov. 9	CAROLINA	W 34- 0
Nov. 16	at Kansas City	L 22-24
Nov. 24	OAKLAND (Mon.)	W 31- 3
Nov. 30	at San Diego	W 38-28
Dec. 7	at Pittsburgh	
Dec. 15	at San Francisco (Mon.)	
Dec. 21	SAN DIEGO	

Indianapolis Colts

Aug. 31	at Miami	L 10-16
Sep. 7	NEW ENGLAND	L 6-31
Sep. 14	SEATTLE	L 3-31
Sep. 21	at Buffalo	L 35-37
Sep. 28	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 5	NEW YORK JETS	L 12-16
Oct. 12	at Pittsburgh	L 22-24
Oct. 20	BUFFALO (Mon.)	L 6- 9
Oct. 26	at San Diego	L 19-35
Nov. 2	TAMPA BAY	L 28-31
Nov. 9	CINCINNATI	L 13-28
Nov. 16	GREEN BAY	W 41-38
Nov. 23	at Detroit	L 10-32
Nov. 30	at New England	L 17-20
Dec. 7	at New York Jets	
Dec. 14	MIAMI	
Dec. 21	at Minnesota	

Jacksonville Jaguars

Aug. 31	at Baltimore	W 28-27
Sep. 7	NEW YORK GIANTS	W 40-13
Sep. 14	OPEN DATE	
Sep. 22	PITTSBURGH (Mon.)	W 30-21
Sep. 28	at Washington	L 12-24
Oct. 5	CINCINNATI	W 21-13
Oct. 12	PHILADELPHIA	W 38-21
Oct. 19	at Dallas	L 22-26
Oct. 26	at Pittsburgh	L 17-23
Nov. 2	at Tennessee	W 30-24
Nov. 9	KANSAS CITY	W 24-10
Nov. 16	TENNESSEE	W 17- 9
Nov. 23	at Cincinnati	L 26-31
Nov. 30	BALTIMORE	W 29-27
Dec. 7	NEW ENGLAND	
Dec. 14	at Buffalo	
Dec. 21	at Oakland	

Kansas City Chiefs

Aug. 31	at Denver	L 3-19
Sep. 8	at Oakland (Mon.)	W 28-27
Sep. 14	BUFFALO	W 22-16
Sep. 21	at Carolina	W 35-14
Sep. 28	SEATTLE	W 20-17
Oct. 5	at Miami	L 14-17
Oct. 12	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 16	SAN DIEGO (Thu.)	W 31- 3
Oct. 26	at St. Louis	W 28-20
Nov. 3	PITTSBURGH (Mon.)	W 13-10
Nov. 9	at Jacksonville	L 10-24
Nov. 16	DENVER	W 24-22
Nov. 23	at Seattle	W 19-14
Nov. 30	SAN FRANCISCO	W 44- 9
Dec. 7	OAKLAND	
Dec. 14	at San Diego	
Dec. 21	NEW ORLEANS	

Miami Dolphins

Aug. 31	INDIANAPOLIS	W 16-10
Sep. 7	TENNESSEE	W 16-13 (OT)
Sep. 14	at Green Bay	L 18-23
Sep. 21	at Tampa Bay	L 21-31
Sep. 28	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 5	KANSAS CITY	W 17-14
Oct. 12	at New York Jets	W 31-20
Oct. 19	at Baltimore	W 24-13
Oct. 26	CHICAGO	L 33-36 (OT)
Nov. 2	at Buffalo	L 6- 9
Nov. 9	NEW YORK JETS	W 24-17
Nov. 17	BUFFALO (Mon.)	W 30-13
Nov. 23	at New England	L 24-27
Nov. 30	at Oakland	W 34-16
Dec. 7	DETROIT	
Dec. 14	at Indianapolis	
Dec. 22	NEW ENGLAND (Mon.)	

New England Patriots

Aug. 31	SAN DIEGO	W 41- 7
Sep. 7	at Indianapolis	W 31- 6
Sep. 14	NEW YORK JETS	W 27-24 (OT)
Sep. 21	CHICAGO	W 31- 3
Sep. 28	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 6	at Denver (Mon.)	L 13-34
Oct. 12	BUFFALO	W 33- 6
Oct. 19	at New York Jets	L 19-24
Oct. 27	GREEN BAY (Mon.)	L 10-28
Nov. 2	at Minnesota	L 18-23
Nov. 9	at Buffalo	W 31-10
Nov. 16	at Tampa Bay	L 7-27
Nov. 23	MIAMI	W 23-21
Nov. 30	INDIANAPOLIS	W 20-17
Dec. 7	at Jacksonville	
Dec. 13	PITTSBURGH (Sat.)	
Dec. 22	at Miami (Mon.)	

New York Jets

Aug. 31	at Seattle	W 41- 3
Sep. 7	BUFFALO	L 22-28
Sep. 14	at New England	L 24-27 (OT)
Sep. 21	OAKLAND	W 23-22
Sep. 28	at Cincinnati	W 31-14
Oct. 5	at Indianapolis	W 16-12
Oct. 12	MIAMI	L 20-31
Oct. 19	NEW ENGLAND	W 24-19
Oct. 26	OPEN DATE	
Nov. 2	BALTIMORE	W 19-16 (OT)
Nov. 9	at Miami	L 17-24
Nov. 16	at Chicago	W 23-15
Nov. 23	MINNESOTA	W 23-21
Nov. 30	at Buffalo	L 10-20
Dec. 7	INDIANAPOLIS	
Dec. 14	TAMPA BAY	
Dec. 21	at Detroit	

Oakland Raiders

Aug. 31	at Tennessee	L 21-24 (OT)
Sep. 8	KANSAS CITY (Mon.)	L 27-28
Sep. 14	at Atlanta	W 36-31
Sep. 21	at New York Jets	L 22-23
Sep. 28	ST. LOUIS	W 35-17
Oct. 5	SAN DIEGO	L 10-25
Oct. 12	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 19	DENVER	W 28-25
Oct. 26	at Seattle	L 34-45
Nov. 2	at Carolina	L 14-38
Nov. 9	NEW ORLEANS	L 10-13
Nov. 16	at San Diego	W 38- 3
Nov. 24	at Denver (Mon.)	L 3-31
Nov. 30	MIAMI	L 16-34
Dec. 7	at Kansas City	
Dec. 14	SEATTLE	
Dec. 21	JACKSONVILLE	

Pittsburgh Steelers

Aug. 31	DALLAS	L 7-37
Sep. 7	WASHINGTON	W 14-13
Sep. 14	OPEN DATE	
Sep. 22	at Jacksonville (Mon.)	L 21-30
Sep. 28	TENNESSEE	W 37-24
Oct. 5	at Baltimore	W 42-34
Oct. 12	INDIANAPOLIS	W 24-22
Oct. 19	at Cincinnati	W 26-10
Oct. 26	JACKSONVILLE	W 23-17
Nov. 3	at Kansas City (Mon.)	L 10-13
Nov. 9	BALTIMORE	W 37- 0
Nov. 16	CINCINNATI	W 20- 3
Nov. 23	at Philadelphia	L 20-23
Nov. 30	at Arizona	W 26-20
Dec. 7	DENVER	
Dec. 13	at New England (Sat.)	
Dec. 21	at Tennessee	

San Diego Chargers

Aug. 31	at New England	L 7-41
Sep. 7	at New Orleans	W 20- 6
Sep. 14	CAROLINA	L 7-26
Sep. 21	at Seattle	L 22-26
Sep. 28	BALTIMORE	W 21-17
Oct. 5	at Oakland	W 25-10
Oct. 12	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 16	at Kansas City (Thu.)	L 3-31
Oct. 26	INDIANAPOLIS	W 35-19
Nov. 2	at Cincinnati	L 31-38
Nov. 9	SEATTLE	L 31-37
Nov. 16	OAKLAND	L 13-38
Nov. 23	at San Francisco	L 10-17
Nov. 30	DENVER	L 27-38
Dec. 7	ATLANTA	
Dec. 14	KANSAS CITY	
Dec. 21	at Denver	

Seattle Seahawks

Aug. 31	NEW YORK JETS	L 3-41
Sep. 7	DENVER	L 14-35
Sep. 14	at Indianapolis	W 31- 3
Sep. 21	SAN DIEGO	W 26-22
Sep. 28	at Kansas City	L 17-20
Oct. 5	TENNESSEE	W 16-13
Oct. 12	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 19	at St. Louis	W 17- 9
Oct. 26	OAKLAND	W 45-34
Nov. 2	at Denver	L 27-30
Nov. 9	at San Diego	W 37-31
Nov. 16	at New Orleans	L 17-20 (OT)
Nov. 23	KANSAS CITY	L 14-19
Nov. 30	ATLANTA	L 17-24
Dec. 7	at Baltimore	
Dec. 14	at Oakland	
Dec. 21	SAN FRANCISCO	

Tennessee Oilers

Aug. 31	OAKLAND	W 24-27 (OT)
Sep. 7	at Miami	L 13-16 (OT)
Sep. 14	OPEN DATE	
Sep. 21	BALTIMORE	L 10-36
Sep. 28	at Pittsburgh	L 24-37
Oct. 5	at Seattle	L 13-16
Oct. 12	CINCINNATI	W 30- 7
Oct. 19	WASHINGTON	W 28-14
Oct. 26	at Arizona	W 41-14
Nov. 2	JACKSONVILLE	L 24-30
Nov. 9	NEW YORK GIANTS	W 10- 6
Nov. 16	at Jacksonville	L 9-17
Nov. 23	BUFFALO	W 31-14
Nov. 27	at Dallas (Thu.)	W 27-14
Dec. 4	at Cincinnati (Thu.)	
Dec. 14	at Baltimore	
Dec. 21	PITTSBURGH	

1997 AFC Standings

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
New England	8	5	0	.615	308	233
Miami	8	5	0	.615	294	242
N.Y. Jets	8	5	0	.615	293	252
Buffalo	6	7	0	.462	217	296
Indianapolis	1	12	0	.077	222	348

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Pittsburgh	9	4	0	.692	307	246
Jacksonville	9	4	0	.692	334	269
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	284	242
Baltimore	4	8	1	.346	260	286
Cincinnati	4	9	0	.308	267	353

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Denver	11	2	0	.846	393	215
Kansas City	10	3	0	.769	291	212
Seattle	6	7	0	.462	281	301
San Diego	4	9	0	.308	253	344
Oakland	4	9	0	.308	294	347

All Tennessee games will be played at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis.

1997 National Football Conference Schedule & Results

Arizona Cardinals

Aug. 31	at Cincinnati	L 21-24
Sep. 7	DALLAS	W 25-22 (OT)
Sep. 14	at Washington	L 13-19 (OT)
Sep. 21	OPEN DATE	
Sep. 28	at Tampa Bay	L 18-19
Oct. 5	MINNESOTA	L 19-20
Oct. 12	NEW YORK GIANTS	L 13-27
Oct. 19	at Philadelphia	L 10-13 (OT)
Oct. 26	TENNESSEE	L 14-41
Nov. 2	PHILADELPHIA	W 31-21
Nov. 9	at Dallas	L 6-24
Nov. 16	at New York Giants	L 10-19
Nov. 23	at Baltimore	W 16-13
Nov. 30	PITTSBURGH	L 20-26 (OT)
Dec. 7	WASHINGTON	
Dec. 14	at New Orleans	
Dec. 21	ATLANTA	

Atlanta Falcons

Aug. 31	at Detroit	L 17-28
Sep. 7	CAROLINA	L 6- 9
Sep. 14	OAKLAND	L 31-36
Sep. 21	at San Francisco	L 7-34
Sep. 28	DENVER	L 21-29
Oct. 5	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 12	at New Orleans	W 23-17
Oct. 19	SAN FRANCISCO	L 28-35
Oct. 26	at Carolina	L 12-21
Nov. 2	ST. LOUIS	W 34-31
Nov. 9	TAMPA BAY	L 10-31
Nov. 16	at St. Louis	W 27-21
Nov. 23	NEW ORLEANS	W 20- 3
Nov. 30	at Seattle	W 24-17
Dec. 7	at San Diego	
Dec. 14	PHILADELPHIA	
Dec. 21	at Arizona	

Carolina Panthers

Aug. 31	WASHINGTON	L 10-24
Sep. 7	at Atlanta	W 9- 6
Sep. 14	at San Diego	W 26- 7
Sep. 21	KANSAS CITY	L 14-35
Sep. 29	SAN FRANCISCO (Mon.)	L 21-34
Oct. 5	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 12	at Minnesota	L 14-21
Oct. 19	at New Orleans	W 13- 0
Oct. 26	ATLANTA	W 21-12
Nov. 2	OAKLAND	W 38-14
Nov. 9	at Denver	L 0-34
Nov. 16	at San Francisco	L 19-27
Nov. 23	at St. Louis	W 16-10
Nov. 30	NEW ORLEANS	L 13-16
Dec. 8	at Dallas (Mon.)	
Dec. 14	GREEN BAY	
Dec. 20	ST. LOUIS (Sat.)	

Chicago Bears

Sep. 1	at Green Bay (Mon.)	L 24-38
Sep. 7	MINNESOTA	L 24-37
Sep. 14	DETROIT	L 7-32
Sep. 21	at New England	L 3-31
Sep. 28	at Dallas	L 3-27
Oct. 5	NEW ORLEANS	L 17-20
Oct. 12	GREEN BAY	L 23-24
Oct. 19	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 26	at Miami	W 36-33 (OT)
Nov. 2	WASHINGTON	L 8-31
Nov. 9	at Minnesota	L 22-29
Nov. 16	NEW YORK JETS	L 15-23
Nov. 23	TAMPA BAY	W 13- 7
Nov. 27	at Detroit (Thu.)	L 20-55
Dec. 7	BUFFALO	
Dec. 14	at St. Louis	
Dec. 21	at Tampa Bay	

Dallas Cowboys

Aug. 31	at Pittsburgh	W 37- 7
Sep. 7	at Arizona	L 22-25 (OT)
Sep. 15	PHILADELPHIA (Mon.)	W 21-20
Sep. 21	OPEN DATE	
Sep. 28	CHICAGO	W 27- 3
Oct. 5	at New York Giants	L 17-20
Oct. 13	at Washington (Mon.)	L 16-21
Oct. 19	JACKSONVILLE	W 26-22
Oct. 26	at Philadelphia	L 12-13
Nov. 2	at San Francisco	L 10-17
Nov. 9	ARIZONA	W 24- 6
Nov. 16	WASHINGTON	W 17-14
Nov. 23	at Green Bay	L 17-45
Nov. 27	TENNESSEE (Thu.)	L 14-27
Dec. 8	CAROLINA (Mon.)	
Dec. 14	at Cincinnati	
Dec. 21	NEW YORK GIANTS	

Detroit Lions

Aug. 31	ATLANTA	W 28-17
Sep. 7	TAMPA BAY	L 17-24
Sep. 14	at Chicago	W 32- 7
Sep. 21	at New Orleans	L 17-35
Sep. 28	GREEN BAY	W 26-15
Oct. 5	at Buffalo	L 13-22
Oct. 12	at Tampa Bay	W 27- 9
Oct. 19	NEW YORK GIANTS	L 20-26 (OT)
Oct. 26	OPEN DATE	
Nov. 2	at Green Bay	L 10-20
Nov. 9	at Washington	L 7-30
Nov. 16	MINNESOTA	W 38-15
Nov. 23	INDIANAPOLIS	W 32-10
Nov. 27	CHICAGO (Thu.)	W 55-20
Dec. 7	at Miami	
Dec. 14	at Minnesota	
Dec. 21	NEW YORK JETS	

Green Bay Packers

Sep. 1	CHICAGO (Mon.)	W 38-24
Sep. 7	at Philadelphia	L 9-10
Sep. 14	MIAMI	W 23-18
Sep. 21	MINNESOTA	W 38-32
Sep. 28	at Detroit	L 15-26
Oct. 5	TAMPA BAY	W 21-16
Oct. 12	at Chicago	W 24-23
Oct. 19	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 27	at New England (Mon.)	W 28-10
Nov. 2	DETROIT	W 20-10
Nov. 9	ST. LOUIS	W 17- 7
Nov. 16	at Indianapolis	L 38-41
Nov. 23	DALLAS	W 45-17
Dec. 1	at Minnesota (Mon.)	W 27-11
Dec. 7	at Tampa Bay	
Dec. 14	at Carolina	
Dec. 20	BUFFALO (Sat.)	

Minnesota Vikings

Aug. 31	at Buffalo	W 34-13
Sep. 7	at Chicago	W 27-24
Sep. 14	TAMPA BAY	L 14-28
Sep. 21	at Green Bay	L 32-38
Sep. 28	PHILADELPHIA	W 28-19
Oct. 5	at Arizona	W 20-19
Oct. 12	CAROLINA	W 21-14
Oct. 19	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 26	at Tampa Bay	W 10- 6
Nov. 2	NEW ENGLAND	W 23-18
Nov. 9	CHICAGO	W 29-22
Nov. 16	at Detroit	L 15-38
Nov. 23	at New York Jets	L 23-21
Dec. 1	GREEN BAY (Mon.)	L 11-27
Dec. 7	at San Francisco	
Dec. 14	DETROIT	
Dec. 21	INDIANAPOLIS	

New Orleans Saints

Aug. 31	at St. Louis	L 24-38
Sep. 7	SAN DIEGO	L 6-20
Sep. 14	at San Francisco	L 7-33
Sep. 21	DETROIT	W 35-17
Sep. 28	at New York Giants	L 9-14
Oct. 5	at Chicago	W 20-17
Oct. 12	ATLANTA	L 17-23
Oct. 19	CAROLINA	L 0-13
Oct. 26	SAN FRANCISCO	L 0-23
Nov. 2	OPEN DATE	
Nov. 9	at Oakland	W 13-10
Nov. 16	SEATTLE	W 20-17
Nov. 23	at Atlanta	L 3-20
Nov. 30	at Carolina	W 16-13
Dec. 7	ST. LOUIS	
Dec. 14	ARIZONA	
Dec. 21	at Kansas City	

New York Giants

Aug. 31	PHILADELPHIA	W 31-17
Sep. 7	at Jacksonville	L 13-40
Sep. 14	BALTIMORE	L 23-24
Sep. 21	at St. Louis	L 3-13
Sep. 28	NEW ORLEANS	W 14- 9
Oct. 5	DALLAS	W 20-17
Oct. 12	at Arizona	W 27-13
Oct. 26	CINCINNATI	W 29-27
Nov. 2	OPEN DATE	
Nov. 9	at Tennessee	L 6-10
Nov. 16	ARIZONA	W 19-10
Nov. 23	at Washington	T 7- 7 (OT)
Nov. 30	TAMPA BAY	L 8-10
Dec. 7	at Philadelphia	
Dec. 13	WASHINGTON (Sat.)	
Dec. 21	at Dallas	

Philadelphia Eagles

Aug. 31	at New York Giants	L 17-31
Sep. 7	GREEN BAY	W 10- 9
Sep. 15	at Dallas (Mon.)	L 20-21
Sep. 21	OPEN DATE	
Sep. 28	at Minnesota	L 19-28
Oct. 5	WASHINGTON	W 24-10
Oct. 12	at Jacksonville	L 21-38
Oct. 19	ARIZONA	W 13-10 (OT)
Oct. 26	DALLAS	W 13-12
Nov. 2	at Arizona	L 21-31
Nov. 10	SAN FRANCISCO (Mon.)	L 12-24
Nov. 16	at Baltimore	T 10-10
Nov. 23	PITTSBURGH	W 23-20
Nov. 30	CINCINNATI	W 44-42
Dec. 7	NEW YORK GIANTS	
Dec. 14	at Atlanta	
Dec. 21	at Washington	

St. Louis Rams

Aug. 31	NEW ORLEANS	W 38-24
Sep. 7	SAN FRANCISCO	L 12-15
Sep. 14	at Denver	L 14-35
Sep. 21	NEW YORK GIANTS	W 13- 3
Sep. 28	at Oakland	L 17-35
Oct. 5	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 12	at San Francisco	L 10-30
Oct. 19	SEATTLE	L 9-17
Oct. 26	KANSAS CITY	L 20-28
Nov. 2	at Atlanta	L 31-34
Nov. 9	at Green Bay	L 7-17
Nov. 16	ATLANTA	L 31-34
Nov. 23	CAROLINA	L 10-16
Nov. 30	at Washington	W 23-20
Dec. 7	at New Orleans	
Dec. 14	CHICAGO	
Dec. 20	at Carolina (Sat.)	

San Francisco 49ers

Aug. 31	at Tampa Bay	L 6-13
Sep. 7	at St. Louis	W 15-12
Sep. 14	NEW ORLEANS	W 33- 7
Sep. 21	ATLANTA	W 34- 7
Sep. 29	at Carolina (Mon.)	W 34-21
Oct. 5	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 12	ST. LOUIS	W 30-10
Oct. 19	at Atlanta	W 35-28
Oct. 26	at New Orleans	W 23- 0
Nov. 2	DALLAS	W 17-10
Nov. 10	at Philadelphia (Mon.)	W 21-12
Nov. 16	CAROLINA	W 27-19
Nov. 23	SAN DIEGO	W 17-10
Nov. 30	at Kansas City	L 9-44
Dec. 7	MINNESOTA	
Dec. 15	DENVER (Mon.)	
Dec. 21	at Seattle	

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Aug. 31	SAN FRANCISCO	W 13- 6
Sep. 7	at Detroit	W 24-17
Sep. 14	at Minnesota	W 28-14
Sep. 21	MIAMI	W 31-21
Sep. 28	ARIZONA	W 19-18
Oct. 5	at Green Bay	L 16-21
Oct. 12	DETROIT	L 9-27
Oct. 19	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 26	MINNESOTA	L 6-10
Nov. 2	at Indianapolis	W 31-28
Nov. 9	at Atlanta	W 31-10
Nov. 16	NEW ENGLAND	W 27- 7
Nov. 23	at Chicago	L 7-13
Nov. 30	at New York Giants	W 20- 8
Dec. 7	GREEN BAY	
Dec. 14	at New York Jets	
Dec. 21	CHICAGO	

Washington Redskins

Aug. 31	at Carolina	W 24-10
Sep. 7	at Pittsburgh	L 13-14
Sep. 14	ARIZONA	W 19-13 (OT)
Sep. 21	OPEN DATE	
Sep. 28	JACKSONVILLE	W 24-12
Oct. 5	at Philadelphia	L 10-24
Oct. 13	DALLAS (Mon.)	W 21-16
Oct. 19	at Tennessee	L 14-28
Oct. 26	BALTIMORE	L 17-20
Nov. 2	at Chicago	W 31- 8
Nov. 9	DETROIT	W 30- 7
Nov. 16	at Dallas	L 4-17
Nov. 23	NEW YORK GIANTS	T 7- 7
Nov. 30	ST. LOUIS	L 20-23
Dec. 7	at Arizona	
Dec. 13	at New York Giants (Sat.)	
Dec. 21	PHILADELPHIA	

1997 NFC Standings

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
N.Y. Giants	7	5	1	.577	226	227
Philadelphia	6	6	1	.500	247	286
Washington	6	6	1	.500	244	199
Dallas	6	7	0	.462	268	240
Arizona	3	10	0	.231	216	288

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Green Bay	10	3	0	.769	343	245
Tampa Bay	9	4	0	.692	262	200
Minnesota	8	5	0	.615	285	289
Detroit	7	6	0	.538	322	250
Chicago	2	11	0	.154	215	377

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
San Francisco	11	2	0	.846	304	193
Carolina	6	7	0	.462	214	240
Atlanta	5	8	0	.385	260	312
New Orleans	5	8	0	.385	170	258
St. Louis	3	10	0	.231	225	301

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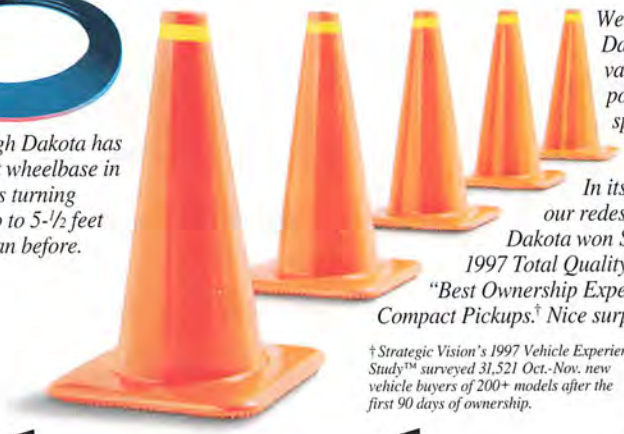

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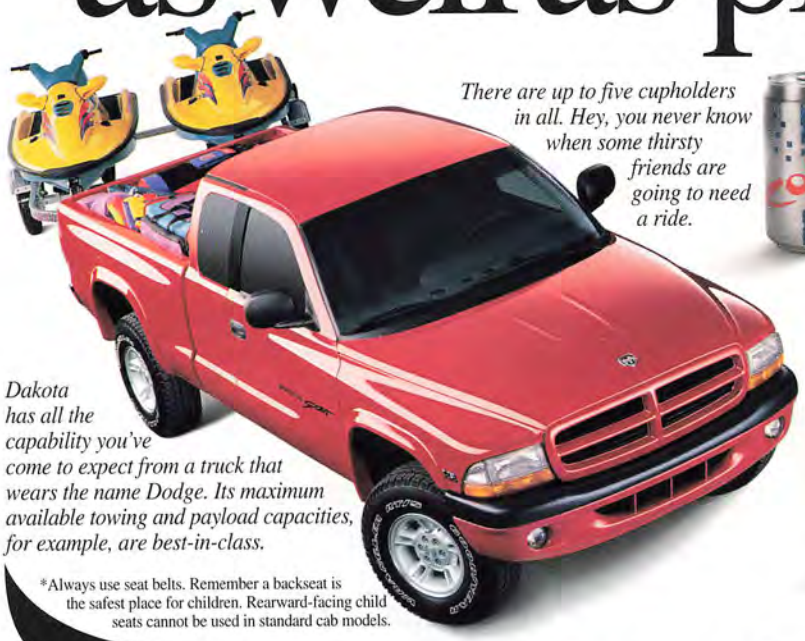

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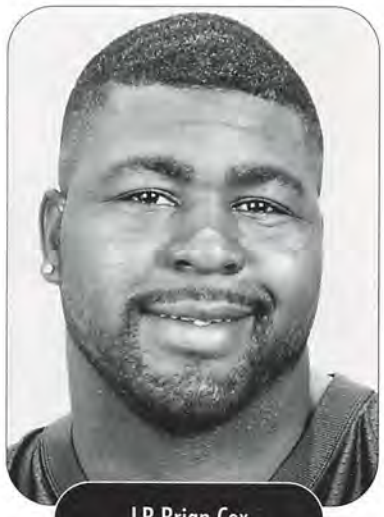
The game will be broadcast regionally on FOX and will be shown in the Tampa area only in the event of a sellout. Live play-by-play can be heard on the team's flagship radio station WQYK on 99.5 FM and 1010 AM.

Limited tickets are now available at the Buccaneer Ticket Office at Houlihan's Stadium. The ticket office will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM and on Saturdays from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Call 879-BUCS today for more information.



LB Brian Cox

Who Am I?

The following clues can be used to identify the current player pictured to the right. If you think you have the correct answer, mail it in for a chance to win a pair of tickets to the Buccaneers' next home game.

- A two-sport star in college, I also played shortstop and outfield for my college baseball team.
- I am the relative of a well-known professional basketball player.
- My nickname could be "The Specialist" due to my primary role on the team.
- Scholastically, I have achieved what none of my current Buccaneer teammates have done. In addition, I have a wide array of off-the-field pursuits such as reading the writings of Maya Angelou and working with computers.

Mail your entry on a 3x5 notecard to One Buccaneer Place, Tampa, FL, 33607, Attn: Nelson Luis. Answers will not be accepted by phone or any format other than a mailed card. Entries must be received no later than the Thursday following the game. Only one correct entry from each household will be accepted. All winners will be chosen at random from among the correct entries.

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